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US Orders 450 More Troops to Iraq

Fighters from Badr Brigades Shiite militia clash with Islamic State group militants on the front lines in Fallujah, Anbar province, Iraq. President Obama ordered the deployment of up to 450 more American troops to Iraq on Wednesday in an effort to reverse major battlefield losses to the Islamic State. (AP Photo/Hadi Mizban)

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White House orders 450 more troops to Iraq

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama ordered the deployment of up to 450 more American troops to Iraq on Wednesday in an effort to reverse major battlefield losses to the Islamic State, an escalation but not a significant shift in the struggling U.S. strategy to defeat the extremist group.

The U.S. forces will open a fifth training site in the country, this one dedicated specifically to helping the Iraqi Army integrate Sunni tribes into the fight, an element seen as a crucial to driving the Islamic State out of the Sunni-majority areas of western Iraq.

The immediate objective is to win back the key city of Ramadi, which was seized by extremists last month.

The U.S. is insistent that Americans will not have a combat role. But in the deployment of American forces and the equipping of Iraqi troops, the U.S. must make sure "that we can be nimble because clearly this is a very nimble enemy," Deputy National Security



U.S. Army Gen. Lloyd Austin, commander of the U.S. Central Command, left, shakes hands with Iraq's Defense Minister Khaled al-Obeidi in Baghdad, Iraq, Wednesday, June 10, 2015. (AP Photo)

Adviser Benjamin Rhodes told reporters.

The plan is not a change in the U.S. strategy, the administration says, but addresses a need to get Sunnis more involved in the fight.

Some local citizens in Sunni-majority areas fear an invasion and reprisals from Iran-backed Shiite militia even more than domination by the Islamic State, underscoring a need for any mili-

tary campaign there to be led by local fighters.

But the Shiite-led Iraqi government's record in recruiting Sunni tribesman has been mixed at best, slowing efforts to regain Ramadi and Fallujah, a nearby city that Islamic State militants have held for more than a year. Iraqi leaders fear that Sunni fighters, once armed, could turn against the government, and they have deployed most U.S.-trained Iraqi troops in defensive formations around Baghdad, the capital.

Obama this week lamented that the U.S. lacks a "complete strategy" for defeating the Islamic State, and officials pointed to a glaring lack of recruits among Sunnis.

Wednesday's announcement of a new training site at al-Taqqaddum, a desert air base that was a U.S. military hub during the 2003-2011 war, is designed to fix that. The additional troops will include advisers, trainers, logisticians and security personnel.

But the changes don't go nearly far enough for critics of the administration's approach.

They have pressed for military coordinators and advisers closer to the front lines to augment the U.S. airstrike campaign.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said Wednesday that sending several hundred military advisers to Iraq "is a step in the right direction," but he criticized Obama for not having "an overarching strategy." Sen. John McCain of Arizona, the Republican chairman of the Armed Services Committee, was harsher in his assessment: "This is incrementalism at its best or worst, depending on how you describe it."

Wednesday's careful escalation illustrated Obama's reluctance to plunge the U.S. too deeply into the fighting and his opposition to reintroducing U.S. soldiers into a war he had vowed to bring to an end.

Still, even some Democrats were concerned with the steps announced.

"Absent significant reform, we can help the Iraqi forces win battles, but they will not stay won," said Rep. Adam Schiff of California, the House Intelligence Committee's top Democrat. □

American fighting with Kurds killed in Islamic State battle

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IRBIL, Iraq (AP) — An American fighting with Kurdish forces against the Islamic State group in Syria has been killed in battle, authorities said Wednesday, making him likely the first U.S. citizen to die fighting alongside them against the extremists.

Keith Broomfield, who was from Massachusetts, died June 3 in a battle in a Syrian village named Genter, near the border town

Kobani, said Nasser Haji, an official with a group of Kurdish fighters known as the YPG. Broomfield had joined the YPG on Feb. 24 under the nom de guerre Gelhat Raman, said Haji, who didn't elaborate on the circumstances of his death.

U.S. Department of State spokesman Jeff Rathke confirmed Broomfield's death but declined to provide any details about the circumstances. He said the U.S. was providing consular assistance to his family.

A man who answered the door at a home in Bolton, Massachusetts, listed as owned by Broomfield's family said the family would not be commenting. No one answered the door at a family-operated business, Broomfield Laboratories, in the town.

The fight against the Islamic State group has attracted dozens of Westerners, including Iraq war veterans who have made their way back to the Middle East to join Kurdish fighters, who have been most success-

ful against the extremist group.

Many are spurred on by Kurdish social media campaigners and a sense of duty rooted in the 2003 U.S.-led military invasion of Iraq, where Islamic State fighters recently have rolled back gains U.S. troops had made. And while the U.S. and its coalition allies bomb the extremists from the air, Kurds say they hope more Westerners will join them on the ground to fight.

Previously, a British citizen, an Australian and a Ger-

man woman were killed fighting with the Kurds.

Backed by U.S.-led coalition airstrikes, Kurdish YPG fighters in Syria have successfully pushed back Islamic State group militants from Kobani and scores of nearby villages. More recently, they have closed in on the Islamic State-held town of Tal Abyad, near the Turkish border.

The town is the Islamic State group's main access point to Turkey from Raqqa, the group's de facto capital in Syria. □



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US Congress is considering repeal of meat labeling law

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans are hoping to repeal a law requiring country-of-origin labels on packages of meat to avoid costly trade retaliation from Canada and Mexico. The World Trade Organization ruled against the law last month, saying the labels that say where animals were born, raised and slaughtered are discriminatory toward the two U.S. border countries. Canada and Mexico have said they will now ask the WTO for permission to raise tariffs on U.S. goods. The House on Wednesday began debate on legislation that would repeal the law for beef, pork and poultry. A vote was expected later in the day. The labels tell consumers what countries the meat is from: for example, "born in Canada, raised and slaughtered in the United States" or "born, raised and slaughtered in the United States." The WTO ruled against the labels last year and then denied a U.S. appeal last month. The Obama administration has already revised the labels once to try to comply with previous WTO rulings. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has said it's now up to Congress to change the law to avoid retaliation — such as extra tariffs — from the two neighbor countries. The law was initially written at the behest of northern U.S. ranchers who compete with the Canadian cattle industry. It also was backed by consumer advocates who say it helps shoppers know where their food comes from. The supporters have called on the U.S. government to negotiate with Canada and Mexico to find labels acceptable to all countries. Rep. Marcy Kaptur, a Democrat, said a repeal would be premature, adding: "Our people deserve a right to know where their food is produced and where it comes from." Many in the U.S. meat industry — including meat processors who buy animals from abroad — have called for a repeal of the law, which they have fought for years, including unsuccessfully in federal court. House Agriculture Committee Chairman Mike Conaway, a Republican, has backed the meat industry's call for repeal. "Although some consumers desire (country-of-origin labeling) information, there is no evidence to conclude that this mandatory labeling translates into market-measurable increases in consumer demand for beef, pork or chicken,"

US trade legislation vote expected Friday



House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio speaks during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, June 4, 2015.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

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WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republican leaders are looking for more Democratic support ahead of an expected Friday vote on trade legislation, a White House priority, and hope a new negotiating offer could help. President Barack Obama wants the authority to submit trade proposals that Congress can ratify or reject, but not change. If he had it, he would be expected to push the long-negotiated Trans-Pacific Partnership with Japan, Malaysia, Canada, Mexico and several other countries. Republican leaders hustled for pro-trade votes Wednesday, but "I don't think they're there yet,"

said Rep. Mark Amodei, a Republican, after a closed meeting of House Republicans. Amodei, who is undecided, said his party's leaders need 195 Republicans and figure they will not attract more than 20 or 25 Democrats. The House has 246 Republicans and 188 Democrats, with once vacancy. If all lawmakers vote, it would take 218 to pass the trade bill. The Republican House speaker, John Boehner, said trade votes "are never an easy lift around here." But, he added, "We're seeing some positive momentum." The Senate has approved the legislation. But many Democrats worry that trade deals eliminate American jobs. In an unusual alliance

with Boehner, Obama has been heavily engaged in securing Democratic votes. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi and other Democrats say the Senate bill would use money from another government program to finance a job retraining plan. Top House Republicans said they would change the funding source if they needed more Democratic votes, and they did so late Tuesday. The changes came after Boehner and Pelosi met privately. Pelosi has been publicly noncommittal on the trade legislation. Strategists on both sides predict a close vote on the entire trade package, which includes the trade authority for the president and the job retraining.



After son's death, Biden balances grief with public duties



Vice President Joe Biden waves during funeral services for his son, Beau Biden, Saturday, June 6, 2015, at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Wilmington, Del. Biden faces the daunting decision of how and when to re-enter public life after burying his 46-year-old son. Biden returned to the White House on Wednesday for lunch with President Barack Obama and a meeting with the Ukrainian prime minister.

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Vice President Joe Biden is facing the daunting decision of how and when to re-enter public life after burying his 46-year-old son, Beau Biden, whose death has put a somber pause on the vice president's usually

frenetic schedule.

As Biden mourns with his family in his home state of Delaware, Obama administration officials describe the vice president's office as essentially in a holding pattern, with aides working to give Biden complete flexibility to grieve as he sees fit. Although Biden is

(Yuri Gripas/Pool Photo via AP)

being kept up to date and has participated in some official activities, aides used phrases like "uncharted path" and "touch and go" to describe the situation, in which the vice president is determining one day at a time how best to proceed. Only a handful of times in U.S. history has a presi-

dent or vice president lost a child while in office. Yet for Biden, the hardship is not completely unfamiliar.

After spending most of the last 11 days in Delaware, Biden returned to the White House on Wednesday for lunch with President Barack Obama and a meeting with the Ukrainian prime minister. Yet Biden headed straight back to Wilmington in the evening, evoking memories of his nightly train trips home after he lost his wife and baby daughter decades ago at the dawn of his political career.

"This will continue to be a difficult time for the Biden family, and for all of those of us who care deeply for the vice president and his family," said White House press secretary Josh Earnest, adding that it would surprise no one that Biden was deeply dedicated to his job. "We obviously are pleased that he was able to return today and be focused again on the many difficult policy challenges that he has assumed in his role."

The vice president's office declined to comment for

this report. But officials familiar with Biden's plans said he has not conveyed to staff when he plans to return to a normal schedule. They described a communal sense of mourning at the White House, where staffers are close to the vice president and many knew his son personally. They said that other top officials have eagerly stepped up to attend meetings or perform ceremonial functions normally left to Biden in an attempt to free the vice president to be with his family.

Still, many previously scheduled commitments are being kept on Biden's schedule even amid uncertainty about whether he'll ultimately attend.

A Friday meeting with visiting Iraqi Parliamentary Speaker Salim al-Jabouri is still on the books. Biden may also travel Saturday to Mobile, Alabama, for the christening ceremony of the USS Gabrielle Giffords, in which Biden's wife, Jill, has an honorary role.

After that, it's unclear how many of his public duties Biden will choose to resume in the short term, said the officials, who requested anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss Biden's plans by name.

Dr. Katherine Shear, a psychiatrist and grief expert at Columbia University, said grief is often a lifelong process for those who lose a child. She said the grief process progresses best when individuals alternate between confronting the pain head-on and seeking respite through distractions, such as work.

"We naturally do that, and it's very important that we do it. How we do it is a totally other thing."

Bill Clinton defends family foundation

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DENVER (AP) — Former President Bill Clinton says that if his wife is elected president he will stop giving paid speeches and, if she asks, step down from the foundation that bears his name and has fueled attacks against her during her nascent campaign. The Clintons have been criticized for raking in millions of dollars from paid speeches since they left government service, as well as for letting foreign

countries and companies with interests before Hillary Clinton's State Department give money to their foundation.

In an interview with Bloomberg TV at the Clinton Global Initiative's Denver meeting Wednesday, Clinton said he'd stop giving paid speeches should Hillary Clinton return to the White House. He added that it would be his wife's call on whether he stayed at CGI.

"She will have to decide what is my highest and

best use, including being around to buck her up in the morning," he said.

Clinton acknowledged that some of the \$2 billion in donations the foundation has received may seem questionable when viewed through a political lens. But he said they were accepted with the best intentions. "Has anyone proved we've done anything objectionable with this money?" he asked. "No."

The charity was set up after Clinton's presidency more than a decade ago, and

he said no one was thinking that Hillary Rodham Clinton would run for president someday and that "everything we did would be treated with the presumption of wrongdoing."

Clinton cited a \$500,000 donation from the government of Algeria in 2010 that violated an Obama administration ban on the foundation taking contributions from foreign states. The donation came two days after the Haiti earthquake that killed more than 230,000 people. □



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Prosecutor: Oklahoma man detailed Kenya sex assaults on kids

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Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — accused of sexually abusing several children at a Kenyan orphanage where he volunteered confessed to his misdeeds in writing, a federal prosecutor told jurors Wednesday at the outset of the trial.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Don Gifford spent part of his opening statements reading excerpts of 20-year-old Matthew Lane Durham's confession, which Durham's lawyer says isn't true and was coerced.

"I would take her to the bathroom at night and hold her down and rape her. This happened on several occasions," Gifford said, reading a section pertaining to the alleged assault of a 12-year-old girl. Quoting another that pertained to a boy at the Upendo Children's Home in the Kenyan capital of Nairobi, Gifford read: "At night I took him to the bathroom and had him perform oral



Stephen Jones, attorney for Matthew Lane Durham, talks with the media outside the Federal Courthouse in Oklahoma City. Durham, accused of sexually abusing several children at a Kenyan orphanage where he volunteered, confessed to his misdeeds in writing, a federal prosecutor told jurors Wednesday at the outset of the trial.

(AP Photo/Sue Ogrocki)

sex on me." The handwritten, signed notes were later shown to members of Durham's 12-member jury. Durham, of Edmond, has pleaded not guilty to the 17 charges he faces, which

include aggravated sexual abuse and engaging in illicit sexual conduct in foreign places. If convicted on all charges, he faces up to life in prison. Six of the children, who

didn't witness any wrongdoing alleged to have occurred. "They never saw anything in the close confines," Jones said.

Josphine Wambugu, manager of the orphanage and the children's caretaker, testified that she found Durham sleeping in the girls' dormitory with one of the young children on June 12, 2014. "He left quickly," Wambugu said.

She said she questioned some girls about whether misconduct involving Durham had occurred and several said they had had "bad manners" with Durham, a Kenyan phrase for sexual relations. Wambugu, known as "mom" by residents of the orphanage, said she later confronted Durham about the allegations.

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Jesse Matthew convicted in 2005 Virginia sex assault

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FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — Jesse Matthew pleaded guilty Wednesday without acknowledging he committed a crime, entering an Alford plea on charges that he attacked and molested a woman in Virginia in 2005. The plea in the decade-old assault came midtrial, after three days of testimony that included the victim's harrowing account of fighting to prevent her assailant from raping her and DNA fingernail evidence from that struggle.

With the plea, Matthew ac-

knowledge that prosecutors had enough evidence to convict him without directly admitting to any crime.

Matthew faces up to life in prison, but another case looms: The 33-year-old Charlottesville man is charged in a separate case with the abduction and killing last year of University of Virginia student Hannah Graham. Prosecutors there are seeking the death penalty.

The Alford plea in the Fairfax sex-assault case came after prosecutors rested their case and Matthew's

public defenders tried to get the judge to toss the case out of court. They argued that the DNA could have been inadvertently transferred by coming into contact with a common surface, and pointed out that nobody, including the victim, had been able to identify Matthew as being in the area at the time of the crime.

But Judge David Schell described the evidence against Matthew as overwhelming. Schell accepted the plea on all three charges: attempted capital murder, abduction with intent

to defile and sexual assault. He set an Oct. 2 sentencing date. At a hearing next week, the victim, who flew back from India, can give victim-impact testimony. "She wants to tell the judge how this harmed her, even to this day," Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Morrogh said. The Associated Press generally does not identify sexual assault victims.

Morrogh said he struck no plea deal with the defense. He declined to say whether he will seek a life sentence, but when asked the chances of whether Matthew will

ever see the light of day, he said, "I hope nil."

The Alford plea takes the jury out of the equation in formulating a sentence. The judge alone will determine that.

Willie McDuffy of Centreville, one of the jurors, said Wednesday morning's testimony linking Matthew to the fingernail DNA left him believing Matthew was guilty, though he was keeping an open mind for the defense.

He said he watched Matthew closely during the trial and described him as "kind of oblivious." □

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Murder charge dropped against woman who induced abortion

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ALBANY, Georgia (AP) —

A prosecutor dropped a murder charge Wednesday but is pursuing a drug possession count against a 23-year-old woman accused of ending her pregnancy without a prescription, using pills she bought online.

District Attorney Greg Edwards dismissed a malice murder charge against 23-year-old Kenlissia Jones, who spent about three days in jail after seeking help at a hospital.

But he said Jones still faces a charge of possessing a dangerous drug, which Georgia state law defines as any drug requiring a prescription.

The dismissal of the murder charge police had used to arrest Jones was praised



Kenlissia Jones, 23, poses for a booking photo. Dougherty County District Attorney Greg Edwards issued a statement saying he had dismissed a malice murder charge against Jones, who was released from jail after about three days in confinement.

(AP Photo)

by Lynn Paltrow, an attorney and executive director of National Advocates for Pregnant Women in New York.

But she said the case still illustrates a creeping trend

of prosecuting women who exercise their right to abortions.

Abortion-rights advocates and opponents of abortion alike were stunned by the proposed murder charge. Georgia has prohibited the prosecution of women for feticide or for performing illegal abortions in cases involving their own pregnancies. Edwards said the arresting officers acted within their authority and used "their best understanding of the law," but that their understanding was incorrect.

"Georgia law presently does not permit prosecution of Ms. Jones for any alleged acts related to the end of her pregnancy," the prosecutor said.

Edwards noted that police had charged Jones without consulting with his prosecuting attorneys.

Jones was arrested after seeking help at a hospital Saturday. A social worker told police that Jones had taken four Cytotec pills she ordered online after breaking up with her boyfriend. The pills induced labor and she delivered the fetus, which did not survive, in a car on the way to the hospital, according to an Albany police report.

While the Supreme Court has declared American women have legal rights to abortion, states have laws that place limits on where abortions can be performed, who can perform them and at what stages of pregnancy abortions are allowed. Traditionally, those laws have targeted doctors and other abortion providers, but not women seeking to end their pregnancies. Abortion rights advocates worry that this

could be changing.

In March, 33-year-old Purvi Patel of Indiana, was sentenced to 20 years in prison for feticide and neglect of a baby. Prosecutors said Patel ended her 7-month pregnancy using drugs from China rather than seek a doctor's help. Paltrow's group called it the first time an American woman was convicted and sentenced for trying to end her pregnancy.

Cytotec is a brand name for misoprostol, a prescription drug used in combination with mifepristone to induce non-surgical abortions. Used as recommended, mifepristone kills the fetus, and then misoprostol induces the labor that expels it. The pills are sold with prescriptions in the U.S., but available over the counter and online in many countries. □

Bus hits another carrying Canadian students; 30-plus injured

WEEHAWKEN, New Jersey (AP) —

A New Jersey transit bus rear-ended a tour bus carrying Canadian students inside the Lincoln Tunnel on Wednesday morning, injuring more than 30 people and slowing traffic on one of the busiest routes for commuters entering and leaving New York City, authorities said.

None of the 26 students and two adults from the Toronto school was hurt, according to Anna Caputo, spokeswoman for the Toronto District School Board. The group was heading to New York for a graduation trip, she said. The crash happened in the center tube on the New York side of the tunnel

connecting it with New Jersey, said Joe Pentangelo, spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey police, which operates the tunnel.

The spokesman said 35 to 40 people on the transit bus were hurt. The four most seriously injured suffered neck and back injuries. The Fire Department of New York said none of the injuries are considered life-threatening.

A 32-year-old woman also went into labor while stuck in the tunnel. She was taken to a hospital.

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A New Jersey Transit bus, right, is pushed out of the Lincoln Tunnel, Wednesday, June 10, 2015 in New York as other vehicles use adjacent lanes. The bus rear-ended a private bus carrying Canadian schoolchildren inside the Lincoln Tunnel on Wednesday morning, injuring at least 30 people and slowing traffic on one of the busiest routes for commuters entering and leaving New York City, authorities said.

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US Financial Front:

Why Americans are getting new credit cards

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A big change is happening inside your wallet.

U.S. banks, tired of spending billions each year to pay back fleeced consumers, are in the process of replacing tens of millions of old magnetic strip credit and debit cards with new cards that are equipped with computer chips that store account data more securely.

By autumn, millions of Americans will have made the switch from the old magnetic strip cards. That 50-year-old technology, replaced in most of world, lingers on the back of U.S. cards and is easily copied by thieves, leaving people vulnerable to fraud. Roughly half of all credit card fraud happens in the U.S. even though the country only makes up roughly 25 percent of all credit card transactions, according to a report by Barclays put out last week.

This entire switch is a massive undertaking. Roughly half of all U.S. credit and debit cards will be replaced by the end of the year. Tens of thousands of individual merchants need to upgrade their equipment to allow for chip transactions instead of "swipe-and-sign" ones. If the stores aren't ready, they could be on the hook to cover the cost of fraud.

Here's how the new cards work and how the switch could affect you at the checkout counter:

WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT THESE CARDS?

The biggest difference between your old card and your new one is the metal chip embedded on the front, which means your

personal data is much safer. The chip assigns a unique code for every transaction made on your card. Even if a thief acquired that code, it couldn't be used to make another purchase.

Chip cards are also harder to duplicate, although it's not unheard of. Overall, the chip cards are more secure than magnetic cards, which are vulnerable because once thieves get a copy of your credit card information, it can be quickly copied onto counterfeit cards.

Chip cards have been common in Europe for more than decade, and they've been standard in other parts of the world for some time.

"The chip technology is designed to prevent copying of the card," says Ellen Richey, vice chairman of risk and public policy at Visa.

In the U.S., chips-embedded cards have seen limited use until now. Laundromats, for instance, are one place chip-reading cards are being used.

WHEN WILL I GET ONE?

At this point, the majority of magnetic-stripe credit cards have been replaced with chip cards. Banks are in the middle of issuing chip-based debit cards, with Bank of America starting late last year and Chase and Citi starting this summer. Regional and smaller banks are also rolling out these cards to their customers, most of them starting later this year.

All chip cards also come with a magnetic strip in case chip readers aren't available. However, if a merchant does accept chip cards for purchases, you should use that option every time because it's

more secure.

WHO'S BEHIND THE CHANGE?

The change is mostly coming from banks and payment processing companies — Visa, MasterCard

estimated that bank account fraud cost the industry \$1.74 billion in 2012, the most year the data is available.

The payment networks have set a soft deadline of October 1, 2015 for the swi-

in the slot until the machine tells you to remove it. Unlike magnetic strip cards, chip cards need to be left in the machine for a few seconds to work.

WHERE AND WHEN CAN I



A MasterCard credit card with a computer chip is posed for a photo in Gelsenkirchen, Germany. By autumn 2015, millions of Americans will switch to credit cards with a computer chip instead of a magnetic strip — 50-year-old technology that lingers on the back of U.S. cards and is easily copied by thieves, leaving people vulnerable to fraud.

(AP Photo/Martin Meissner)

and American Express. Banks have wanted a more secure form of payment because they have generally been on the hook for any fraud that happens on their cards. Originally the banks were relying on their own software and data from the payment networks to catch fraud at the point of sale in the U.S., but it became clear something more was needed, Richey said. Banks, particularly small banks, would often pay out of pocket to cover any fraud that happened on their customers' payment cards. The American Bankers Association

chose to be made. After that date, most merchants who continue to accept magnetic strip cards and have not upgraded their equipment could have to pay for any credit or debit card fraud that happens in their stores. The "liability shift," as it's called, presents a looming deadline for the banks, payment companies and merchants.

HOW DO I USE THE CHIP CARD?

Instead of swiping your card at the checkout, you'll insert it into a machine with a slot like those on ATMs. Your card will stay

USE MY NEW CHIP CARD?

You can use it now. The problem is that merchants need the right equipment to accept the cards embedded with chips. Many stores have been slow to upgrade their equipment, despite the October deadline, because it could be a significant expense to replace equipment and retrain employees. Payment processing companies like Visa, and bank who issue the cards, are pushing stores to accept the chips cards. Visa expects roughly half of all merchants to have chip card readers by the end of the year. □

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American Living:

Walgreens, insurers push expansion of virtual doctor visits

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Associated Press

Millions of people will be able to see a doctor on their smartphones or laptops for everyday ailments once the nation's largest drugstore chain and two major insurers expand a budding push into virtual health care.

Walgreens said Wednesday that it will offer a smartphone application that links doctor and patients virtually in 25 states by the end of the year. That growth comes as UnitedHealth Group and the Blue Cross-Blue Shield insurer Anthem prepare to make their own non-emergency telemedicine services available to about 40 million more people by next year.

Doctors have used video feeds and other technology for years to treat patients in rural areas or remote locations. But experts say growing smartphone use and customer demand are fueling a rapid expansion of the practice, called telemedicine, into everyday care the family doctor used to handle. Now this push is gaining an additional boost from health care companies with broad, national reach.

The American Telemedicine Association estimates that about 450,000 patients will see a doctor through the Internet this year for a primary care consultation. That's a small slice of the roughly 15 million people who will have care delivered by telemedicine, which has mostly been

used by specialist doctors. But the primary care portion has probably doubled over the past couple years, said Jon Linkous, CEO of the nonprofit association. "I would say without a doubt it's the fastest area of growth in telemedicine," he said. "There's this convenience factor that makes it

and the insurers give customers around-the-clock access to doctors who can diagnose and treat conditions like allergies, a sinus infection or pink eye that don't require a physical exam.

The extent of the care a patient receives can vary by

ance that makes them pay a high deductible. That compares with typical prices of \$70 for a clinic or more than \$100 for a doctor's office visit.

Walgreens started testing its app last December on smartphones and is expanding it to both tablets

states and also expects 20 million of its customers to have access by next year. Doctors say telemedicine can help improve access to care for many patients, as long as the care is good, a record of the patient visit makes it back to that person's regular doctor and safety isn't compromised.

Dr. Robert Wergin expects to do more telemedicine visits in the future as more insurers begin to cover it. The Milford, Nebraska, doctor said it can help many of his patients who are older and have a hard time getting out of the house.

"I can see a real benefit there," he said.

But the president of the American Academy of Family Physicians also cautioned that telemedicine has limits. He noted, for instance, that one of his patients recently wound up having quadruple bypass surgery after coming to see him for a burning sensation in his chest. The physician could rule out acid reflux as a potential cause by examining the patient's abdomen, something a doctor couldn't do in a virtual visit. Walgreens said the doctors in its program are trained to quickly determine whether a patient needs more care than they can provide during a virtual visit.

"We're very careful in only using telemedicine for certain conditions that are amenable to this," Walgreens Chief Medical Officer Dr. Harry Leider said. "We're not treating heart attacks." □



Customers walk toward an entrance to a Walgreens store location, in Boston. Walgreens expects to reach about half the country by the end of the year with a new telemedicine service that lets people see doctors for minor ailments without leaving the home or office.

(AP Photo/Steven Senne)

nience factor that makes it so compelling to consumers." Drugstores, grocers and big retailers like Wal-Mart have been opening clinics inside their stores for years now, giving patients several less-expensive alternatives to a doctor's office when they need help. Internet doctor visits aim to offer even more convenience by providing care wherever the patient is located. Programs offered by Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc.

state. Some regulators prevent a doctor from using a telemedicine visit to write prescriptions for controlled substances or abortion-inducing medicines. Some states also require a doctor to have an established relationship with a patient, which might include a physical or mental exam, before allowing them to do a telemedicine visit.

These virtual visits can cost around \$49 for patients with no coverage or insur-

and personal computers. UnitedHealth Group Inc., the nation's largest health insurer, just started covering telemedicine visits earlier this year for about a million people with employer-sponsored health plans. The insurer aims to expand that to 20 million customers next year.

Anthem Inc. started its LiveHealth Online service in 2013 by offering it to a few thousand people. It now provides the service in 44

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At Press Time:

Greek leader meets creditors, seeks bailout breakthrough



European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, left, welcomes Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras during arrivals for the EU-CELAC summit in Brussels on Wednesday, June 10, 2015. Tsipras reinforced his diplomatic offensive on Wednesday to try to convince European creditors to pay out the bailout loans the country needs to avoid default.

(AP Photo/Francois Lenoir/Pool Photo via AP)

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BRUSSELS (AP) — Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras reinforced his diplomatic offensive on Wednesday to try to convince European creditors to pay out the bailout loans the country needs to avoid default. The creditors have made it clear that Greece has to improve its offer of economic reforms before they release 7.2 billion euros (\$8.1 billion) the country needs to pay debts due at the end of the month. Tsipras had a short meeting with EU Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker and another with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Francois Hollande that lasted into early Thursday. He planned to continue talks with Juncker on Thursday. "We decided to intensify the effort to bridge the remaining differences and proceed — I think will proceed — to a solution," Tsipras said after the talks. Wednesday's talks came

after Juncker's European Commission had said the offers made by Greece last week were still not good enough to unlock the bailout funds. "For this final push, the Commission is of the view that the ball is clearly now in the court of the Greek government," Commission spokesman Margaritis Schinas said. With the onus firmly on Greece and options increasingly limited, Standard & Poor's in New York downgraded Greece's credit rating 1 notch further into junk territory, saying it's likely the country will default on its commercial debt within a year if it can't strike a deal with its creditors. The ratings agency said Greece has shown it is giving higher priority to its pensions and other domestic spending than making debt payments on time. S&P lowered Greece's rating to "CCC" from "CCC+" with a "negative" outlook. Finance ministers from the 19 nations using the euro currency will meet in Lux-

embourg next week with the Greek deadline for payment ever closer. The lack of visible progress in the negotiations over the past weeks has revived fears Greece could default on its debts and drop out of the euro, a move that would create huge uncertainty for Europe and global markets. "The goal is to keep Greece in the eurozone," Merkel said. "Where there is a will, there is a way." Yet she insisted it was up to Tsipras first and foremost to show that willingness. Greece has three weeks left to conclude a deal with its creditors before its bailout program expires at the end of the month,

when it will also have to repay about 1.6 billion euros (\$1.8 billion) to the International Monetary Fund. "We must be quick. We must not let things drag out," Hollande said. Tsipras insisted not only Greece was at risk. "We must find a solution that will give Greece the opportunity to safely return to growth and a sustainable debt — on a course that will bring back security and stability not just to Greece but all of Europe." Athens is at odds with its creditors over what reforms Greece must make in return for the bailout loans. Each side has submitted its own proposals. But talks have been deadlocked

since Athens rejected the creditors' suggestions as irrational last Friday, saying they would make life harder for Greeks already reeling from five years of deep spending cuts and soaring unemployment. European Commission vice president Vladis Dombrovskis stressed the importance of agreeing on overall targets for Greece's primary surplus — the budget excluding debt and interest payments. Athens has been arguing for lower primary surpluses than creditors demand, saying that insisting on high primary surpluses curtails the amount of funds that can be spent on the country and causes unnecessary hardship. □

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What countries have offered for Paris climate agreement

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Associated Press

BONN, Germany (AP) —

Ethiopia on Wednesday became the latest country to present a plan to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions for a global climate pact that's supposed to be adopted in Paris later this year.

Ethiopia's emissions are just a tiny fraction of the world total, but the African country said that with support from developed nations it would bring them down slightly by 2030.

The submission, which came during climate talks in Bonn, means that U.N. now has targets covering 39 countries well in advance of the Paris summit. However, early analyses by climate researchers and environmental groups show the combined impact falls short of the sharp cuts in emissions that scientists say are required to keep global warming in check.

Here's a look at what the biggest polluters have offered, each using their own timeframes and accounting methods:

EUROPEAN UNION: Collectively, the 28-nation EU is the world's third-largest source of greenhouse gas emissions. The bloc has pledged to cut its emissions by at least 40 percent by 2030 compared to 1990. It's already half-way there, having slashed climate pollution by nearly 20 percent since 1990. Renewables like wind, solar and hydropower make up about 15 percent of its energy mix and the EU aims to boost that to 27 percent in 15 years.

UNITED STATES: The biggest climate polluter historically and current No.

2, the U.S. aims to make its 2025 emissions 26-28 percent lower than they were in 2005. That's equivalent to a 14-17 percent reduc-

ing energy efficiency and other measures. Mexico has pledged for its 2030 emissions to be 25 percent lower than they would

JAPAN: Japan, the world's fifth-largest emitter of greenhouse gases, hasn't officially submitted a target to the U.N. but an-

pledged to reduce greenhouse gas pollution by 25 to 30 percent by 2030, compared to 1990 levels. Russian emissions fell sharply with the collapse of the Soviet economy but have started climbing again. It's unclear how Russia plans to account for the effect on emissions of its vast forestry sector — forests absorb carbon from the atmosphere. Climate Action Tracker estimates that if forests are part of the Russian target, it would mean industrial emissions would only need to decrease by 6 to 11 percent compared to 1990.

CANADA: After withdrawing in 2011 from the Kyoto Protocol, the emissions treaty that the Paris agreement is meant to succeed, Canada has been widely viewed as a laggard in the U.N. climate talks. Ottawa has pledged to cut emissions by 30 percent below 2005 levels in 2030. Observers of the climate talks have dismissed that target as too weak, but also raised questions about whether it can be achieved. There are doubts over whether Canada will meet an earlier, voluntary target to reduce its emissions by 17 percent in 2020, mainly because of growing emissions from tar sands projects.

OTHERS: India, Brazil and Australia are among the largest emitters that haven't yet presented their targets. U.N. officials hope that most countries will have done so by October so that they can be added up and their aggregate effect evaluated before the climate summit in Paris. □



Photo shows a view of the Bugey nuclear plant in Saint-Vulbas, near Lyon, central France.

(AP Photo/Laurent Cipriani)

tion below 1990 levels, according to Climate Action Tracker, a research group that analyzes countries' targets. In its submission to the U.N., the U.S. said it plans to achieve its target with a range of measures, including stricter standards on carbon pollution from power plants and motor vehicles and reducing the use of highly potent greenhouse gases used in refrigeration and air conditioning.

MEXICO: Most developing countries aren't expected to cut their emissions in the next decade because they need fossil fuels — a key source of energy and emissions — to grow their economies. But they can slow the increase in emissions by boosting the share of renewables, increas-

have been without any climate actions. It's willing to raise that target to 40 percent with financial and technological support from rich countries.

CHINA: The world's most populous country and top climate polluter is expected to submit its climate target to the U.N. by the end of June. But in a historic joint announcement with the U.S. in November 2014, it gave an indication of what the highlight will be: a pledge to peak its emissions around 2030. Some analysts project China's peak will come sooner. Much will depend on whether the country is able to reduce its dependency on coal for electricity generation. Coal generates the highest emissions of all fossil fuels.

nounced plans to reduce emissions by 26 percent from 2013 to 2030. Critics say that's less ambitious than what the U.S. and EU have offered. According to Climate Action Tracker, it corresponds to an 18 percent reduction below 1990 levels. The government wants to restart nuclear reactors that met up-graded safety standards following the 2011 disaster in Fukushima. Meanwhile, fossil fuels remain the preferred option, with more than 40 coal-fired power plants planned or under construction. Japan's plans call for fossil fuels to account for just over half of total power generation in 2030, with 24 percent from renewable energy and 22 percent from nuclear power.

RUSSIA: Moscow has

Suicide bomber strikes near ancient temple in Luxor, Egypt

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LUXOR, Egypt (AP) — Militants tried to attack the ancient temple of Karnak in southern Egypt on Wednesday, with a suicide bomber blowing himself up and two gunmen battling police. No sightseers were hurt in the thwarted assault, but it suggested that Islamic extremists are shifting targets from security forces to the country's vital tourism industry. The violence left the bomber and one gunman dead, the other wounded and arrested, and four other people wounded. The temple was not damaged. The attackers carried guns in backpacks, and one wore a belt of explosives.

They rode in a taxi through a police checkpoint to a parking lot and sat at a cafe and ordered lemonades, witnesses told The Associated Press. The taxi driver, suspicious after they refused his offer to help with the packs, alerted police. When a policeman approached, the bomber tried to hug him, but the policeman wrestled away. Seconds later, he detonated the explosives, and the others pulled automatic weapons from their bags and opened fire wildly, sending a small group of European tourists running for cover, the witnesses said. The attack followed one this month outside the famed Giza Pyramids in



Egyptian security officials stand guard as tourists visit the ruins of the Karnak Temple in Luxor, Egypt, Wednesday, June 10, 2015. A suicide bomber blew himself up on Wednesday just steps away from the ancient Egyptian temple in Luxor, a southern city visited by millions of tourists every year, security and health officials said. No tourists were killed or hurt in the late morning attack. (AP Photo/Hassan Ammar)

Al-Qaida-linked militants attack IS affiliate in Libya

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BENGHAZI, Libya (AP) — Al-Qaida-linked militants in eastern Libya declared holy war — or jihad — on the local Islamic State affiliate after one of their senior leaders was killed Wednesday by masked gunmen, which set off clashes between the rival groups that left 11 people dead on both sides, including a top militant commander. The hours-long fighting in the eastern coastal city of Darna erupted after gunmen opened fire on Nasser Akr, an al-Qaida-inspired militant once held in the United Kingdom on terrorism charges. The 55-year-old veteran jihadi, who fought in Afghanistan, was killed along with his aide. Akr's group — known as Shura Council of Darna's Jihadis — announced his death in a statement Wednesday, blaming it on Islamic State militants. It accused the IS fighters of "tyranny and criminality," and vowed to wage "holy war against them until none of them are left." It also called on residents to rise up against the extremist group. The ensuing clashes killed at least nine

IS militants and two from the Shura Council, including Salem Derbi, the commander of the so-called Abu Salem Brigade, which has history of enmity with the IS affiliate. Meanwhile, in Berlin, the U.N. envoy to Libya urged the North African country's rival political groups to agree quickly to a power-sharing deal for their fractured nation, saying that time is running out for Libya. "The time has come to make an agreement," said Bernardino Leon, the U.N. envoy leading talks aimed at stemming Libya's collapse into a failed state. Libya is split between an Islamist-led government backed by militias that seized the capital of Tripoli last August and its elected parliament, which is forced to convene in the country's far east. Amid the crisis, militants — including the extremist Islamic State group and al-Qaida-linked militants — have gained a foothold, benefiting from the chaos. The IS group in Libya is a mixture of home-grown militants, former al-Qaida affiliates and foreign nationals who were trained in Syria and sent to join IS in Libya. □

which gunmen killed two policemen. The violence points to a change in tactics by Islamic militants against the government of President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi. For two years, attacks have been centered in the Sinai Peninsula, mostly by a group that has sworn allegiance to the Islamic State group and largely focused

on retaliation against police and soldiers. A campaign against tourism, one of the main sources of foreign revenue, could deal a blow to el-Sissi's promises to repair Egypt's economy. Tourism has just started to show signs of recovery after plunging in the turmoil since the 2011 uprising

that ousted autocrat Hosni Mubarak. The first five months of this year saw tourism revenues up 9 percent from the same period last year, Tourism Minister Khaled Ramy said. Ramy said he expects the slow recovery to continue despite the attack, and he underscored how police had thwarted it. □



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Topsy-turvy laws, trendiness bring Cuban artists riches

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HAVANA (AP) — Late one balmy spring night during Havana's 12th Biennial, young working-class men and women lounged on a stretch of sand dotted with folding chairs and umbrellas, an artificial beach created as an art installation on the capital's Malecon seaside promenade.

Meanwhile, at Sotheby's auction house in New York, the beach's 40-year-old creator, Arles del Rio, sold another piece featured at the last biennial for \$11,875, more than 40 times the annual salary of an ordinary Cuban. The piece, titled "Fly Away," is made of chain-link fence with a hole in the shape of a jet, making it appear the plane flew right through it. Cuba's growing international trendiness combined with the government's topsy-turvy labor regulations are making sculptors, painters and other artists some of the richest people on the island. It's a demonstration both of Cuba's accomplishments in culture and education, as well as its economic difficulties after a half-century of communism.

"When I was in art school, my parents almost threw



The entrance to the studio and art gallery of Cuban artist Leo D'Lazaro, named "The Eye of the Hurricane," stands open in Old Havana, Cuba. Along with medicine and science, art and music are fields in which small, poor Cuba punches far above its weight.

(AP Photo/Desmond Boylan)

me out of the house because I hadn't chosen a 'real' career," said print-maker Max Delgado. "These days, there's real competition among kids studying music or painting."

Cuba allows its citizens to work in hundreds of types of private jobs outside the state-run economy but virtually none of those positions allow entrepreneurs to create real wealth. The island's most potentially profitable business sectors and professions remain entirely under control of the state, which currently pays an average salary of a little more than \$23 a month, or

about \$280 a year, in addition to the heavily subsidized health and other government services everyone gets.

But an exception was created at the end of the 1980s, when independent artists became some of the first Cubans that the government allowed to earn money outside the confines of the state and keep the profits from the direct sales of their work, sometimes for tens of thousands of dollars.

That has created a tiny class of artists who are wealthy by Cuban standards and can divide their time between the island

and countries such as the United States or Spain. They can duck Cuba's roughly 50 percent income tax on works sold outside Cuba.

Cuban economist Arturo Lopez-Levy, a lecturer at the University of Denver, said that under the island's bifurcated economy most people earn puny state salaries while those with access to foreign money like the top-end artists can live like kings.

In the Sotheby's auction two weeks ago, the works of Cuban artists surpassed expectations. One piece by Alexandro Arrechea went for \$118,000, a lot of three pieces by a pair of artists who call themselves Los Carpinteros captured \$60,000, and a sculpture by the artists' collective "The Merger" got \$50,000.

"This situation is due above all to the creation of a two-lane economy, with one sector connected to the market and another with the remnants of the command economy inherited from the 1970s, '80s and '90s," Lopez-Levy said.

Along with medicine and science, art and music are fields in which small, poor Cuba punches far above its weight. While it treats medicine and scientific research as resources to be

jealously guarded for the good of the nation, the government has seen artists and musicians as valued cultural ambassadors who are afforded special treatment.

The phenomenon is only expected to grow with warming ties between Cuba and the U.S. The detente is allowing more American visitors, including wealthy art collectors, to travel legally to the island on "educational" tours that often include the purchase of art, which can be legally exported back to the United States.

Organizers of the 2015 Biennial that opened May 22 have said they expect 2,500 Americans will visit this year's fair, many of them art buyers, before it wraps up on June 22.

Don Pappalardo, founder and CEO of Troika, an arts and entertainment marketing consultancy in Southern California, said Cuba is "is one of the most vital areas for contemporary art in the world today."

"Growing hype around Cuba will likely attract collectors who are looking for the next big thing," Pappalardo, himself an avid collector of Latin American works, said during a visit to Havana Biennial. □

Argentine Congress considers making street harassment crime

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Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina

(AP) — When she left her house each day, Aixa Rizzo would brace for a barrage of sexually laden comments from male electricians working on a project in her neighborhood.

It started with under-the-breath remarks, applause and whistles, but over several weeks developed into vulgarities about her body and chants about sexual fantasies. One day, three of the men followed her, prompting Rizzo to turn around and shower them with pepper spray. The men swore at her and told her she was crazy, but they ultimately walked away.

"They shouted these things at me for an entire month," the 20-year-old university

student said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I couldn't walk out of my house in peace."

Frustrated by something all too common in this South American country of 41 million, Rizzo in April posted a video on YouTube about her experience. She argued that verbal assaults could lead to physical abuse.

The video, seen by half a million people, touched a nerve, turning Rizzo's campaign into a cause celebre and prompting lawmakers to draft legislation that would make such street harassment a crime. A vote is expected within a few months. The moves come amid a national campaign protesting physical attacks against women. Tens of thousands of Argentines



Aixa Rizzo poses for a picture in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Legislators in Argentina are proposing an anti-catcalling law that could make the practice punishable with a fine. The recently proposed project was sparked by Rizzo, who posted a video online recounting her experience of verbal harassment at the hands of strangers.

(AP Photo/Natasha Pisarenko)

took to the streets last week in a march dubbed "ni una menos," meaning not one more woman lost to gender violence.

There are many contradic-

tions in Argentina when it comes to gender equality. Women have equal rights under the law and there are more women than men enrolled in college.

The country's most powerful person is a woman — President Cristina Fernandez. But the macho culture of many Latin American countries is pervasive here as well. Many men, from taxi drivers to construction workers to white collar workers, frequently whistle or say things when women walk by.

"Lewd comments are just the tip of the iceberg that manifests itself in domestic violence," said opposition congresswoman Victoria Donda, who has put forward legislation making such verbal taunts a crime. Under Donda's bill, which includes funds to raise awareness about abuse in schools and workplaces, women could report sexual harassment in public places. □



Talented Dancers to Perform At Cas Di Cultura This Friday!

ORANJESTAD - Many talented dancers and students of Kozlov Dance Academy will perform in the Student Showcase which will be

presented for one show only at Cas di Cultura on Friday, June 12th at 7:00pm. The performance will feature academy students in

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The highlight of the evening will be the lively Spanish themed ballet, Paquita, featuring advanced level students dancing the original choreography dating back to the year 1881, which is performed by the most prestigious ballet companies all over the world.

Costumes and scenery for Paquita have been specially designed in Moscow's Bolshoi Ballet Workshop for the academy's production.

The performance is almost sold out, so don't wait to purchase your tickets. Tickets are Afls. 35.00 and can be purchase at Kozlov Dance Academy (Vondellan 19-D), Van Dorp Bookstore (Dakota), and Bright Bakery.

The Student Showcase is presented with the support and sponsorship of UNOCA.

Additionally, Kozlov Dance Academy, directed by Leonid Kozlov, an international ballet star with the Bolshoi Ballet, Russia, and New York City Ballet, will be offering a Summer Ballet Intensive for serious students ages 10 and older, July 13th - 23rd. And their third season of classes will begin on August 31st for students ages 4 through adults. If you would like more information on Academy classes and programs, visit their website www.kozlovdance.com, find then on Facebook, or call 564-2670. □



The Queen of Freestyle Sarah-Quita Offringa Returns Home to Train Before Travelling to the Canary Islands

ORANJESTAD- Over the weekend we caught up with Sarah-Quita at Fisherman's Huts where we spotted her training. The last seven weeks she had covered a lot of ground globetrotting Korea where

she had been competing since 2010 and each time had a podium finish had this time around seen her finish on top. Her next challenge was the wind defying challenge in Gruissan France at the 15th edition

of the défi wind challenge at which 1200 windsurfers signed up to cross the start line in nuclear wind conditions produced by the Tramontana. Sarah-Quita's only objective was to get through this mad dash



unscathed. During 4 days she sailed in neck breaking speed conditions with 40 to 60 knots of howling wind. In between events and competitions she is shooting a documentary on windsurfing in which she is featured. To that end she travelled to Iceland to brave arctic cold. There sceneries of Fjords, Icebergs, Hot springs, Rivers, Waterfalls and Snow covered mountaintops were the backdrop for the filmproject Cabe Busha. [http://salon.io/Cabeibu-](http://salon.io/Cabeibu)

sha/about-the-project. In order not to lose her bearings she returns every so often to Aruba to unwind, train and prepare for the next challenge which this time is the Canary Islands leg of the PWA Tour. The first stop being Gran Canaria where there will be the waves competition in Pozo Izquierdo, then on to Fuerteventura for freestyle and subsequently Tenerife for waves, spending a total of 7 weeks of competition calls for mental strength and endurance away from home. □

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ORANJESTAD - Managing your own business is time-consuming and requires great effort. Combining it with a family makes it even more challenging. Educating a child on the other hand, is also something that continues every day and is not always easy, especially when you are also in charge of your compa-



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appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 10-to-19 consecutive years. The honorees were Mr. Robert and Mrs. Pamela Winkworth from Staten Island, New York. Robert and Pamela are loyal members of the Divi Phoenix Beach Resort and

they love Aruba very much because of the friendly people, the weather, the beaches, the restaurants and the stunning view from their room! Aruba feels like a second home to Robert and Pamela and the people are like family to them.



The certificates were presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Mrs. Avril Culley and Mr. Gerrit Griffith GM representing the Divi Phoenix Beach Resort. □

Support Aramis and friends at the Donkey Sanctuary Aruba!

ORANJESTAD - We would like to introduce Aramis to you, one of the donkeys that has found a home at the Aruba Donkey Sanctuary. We have never seen a donkey that was so easily accepted by the herd as Aramis. Normally it takes

quite a while before the herd accepts a newcomer, but with Aramis and his friend Ninja it went without a hitch. We only separated them for one night, but one noticed that the herd was not opposed to this gorgeous, dark grey donkey. So

put into the herd, and loving every moment at the Aruba Donkey Sanctuary. Aramis can look forward to staying a long, long time with us, as he is just four years old. This beautiful donkey has been provided with a chip,

just like all the other donkeys. On the chip is information about the donkey and its medical history. The donkeys at the sanctuary have a lot of friends with whom they can play all day long. And they love living there: they are well-cared for, they are fed and watered and when they are sick the vet is called. Yes, they are expensive customers for the sanctuary.

The volunteers are trying to cover the various costs with all kinds of activities and the sale of great donkey memorabilia in the shop. Fortunately, there are also visitors who wish to adopt a donkey, who buy something at the donkey shop or who make a donation. Thus they help support us. Everyone is welcome to visit the sanctuary, which has opening hours from 9 am until 4 pm and in the weekend from 10 am until 3. Entry is free of charge

and one can enjoy a soft drink, a cup of coffee or a refreshing ice cream.

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Tiger Woods reacts to his shot on the ninth hole during the third round of the Memorial golf tournament Saturday, June 6, 2015, in Dublin, Ohio. Associated Press

Nicklaus talks Tiger, but questions change to what's wrong

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) — Jack Nicklaus gets asked more about Tiger Woods than he ever did about the golf ball.

The only difference is the nature of the question.

For the longest time, it used to be, "Do you think Tiger will break your record in the majors?" Now it has become, "What's wrong with Tiger?"

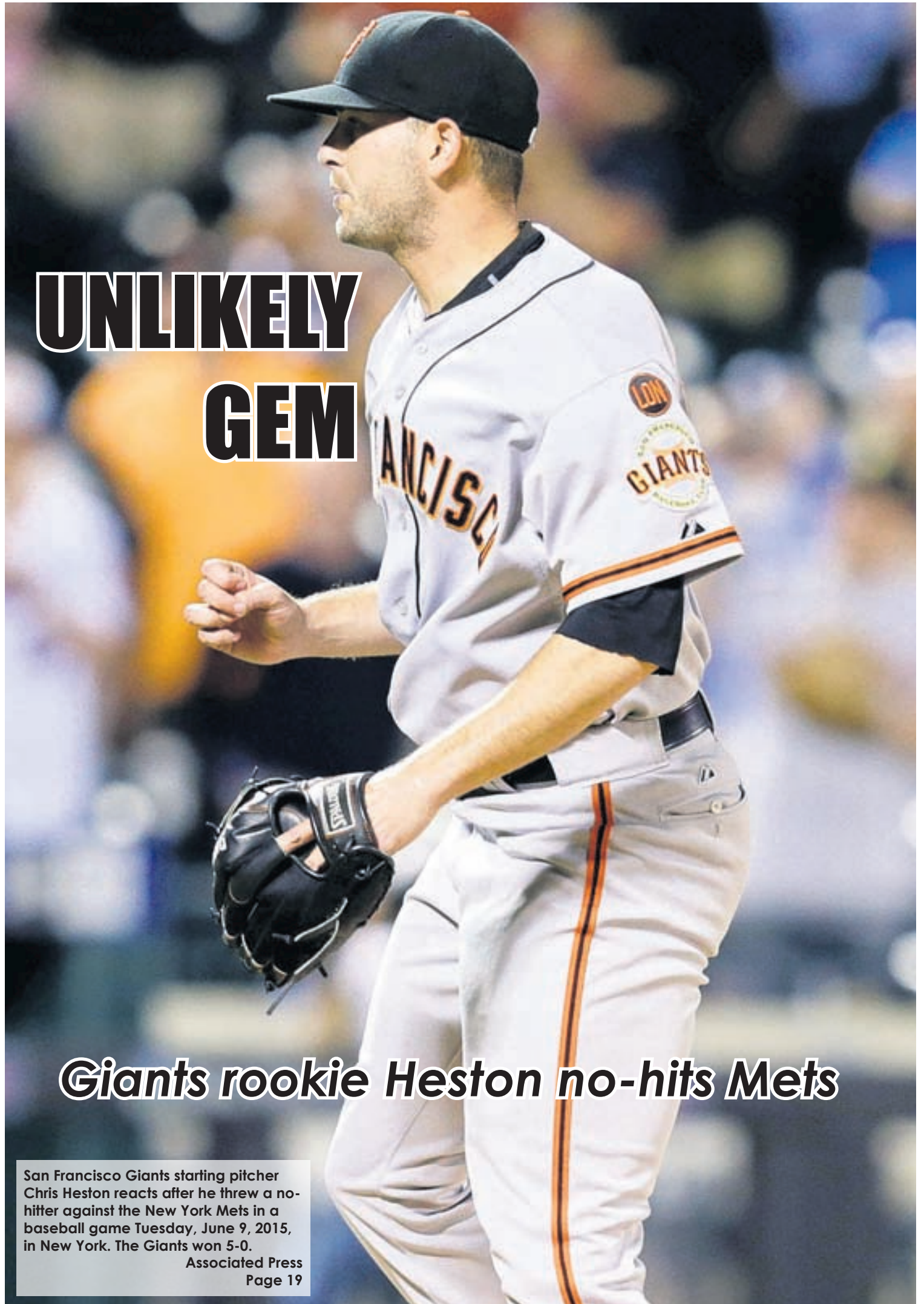
The answer is the same. Nicklaus really doesn't know.

Woods might not, either.

Nicklaus was in the broadcast booth at the Memorial on Saturday afternoon watching the highlights — really, the lowlights — of Woods posting a career-high 85 on a Muirfield Village course where he has won five times. There was a mixture of sympathy and surprise.

"I don't have an answer for it, an explanation," Nicklaus said. "I'm sure that he probably doesn't, either. I think he'll get it back, though. I still do. I think he's just too focused."

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UNLIKELY GEM

Giants rookie Heston no-hits Mets

San Francisco Giants starting pitcher Chris Heston reacts after he threw a no-hitter against the New York Mets in a baseball game Tuesday, June 9, 2015, in New York. The Giants won 5-0.

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American Pharoah owners racing to capitalize on champ's name

JONATHAN FAHEY
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — American Pharoah's owners and thoroughbred racing now have a new race to run: A race to capitalize on the horse's Triple Crown victory before the excitement fades away.

As the first winner of the sport's Triple Crown in 37 years, American Pharoah has a wealth of marketing opportunities that could never have been imagined by owners of the last winner, Affirmed, in 1978. At the same time, horse racing has declined into a niche pastime that is facing an aging demographic, a shrinking number of race tracks, and competition from new ways of betting on sports.

"Marketing has changed, media has changed, and how people consume the product has changed," says David Carter, a sports business professor at the University of Southern California's Marshall School of Business. "It's one thing to drive notoriety, but it's another thing to get people to part with their money." American Pharoah's owner, Ahmed Zayat, has already struck sponsorship deals with Monster energy drinks and a private-airplane membership company called Wheels Up. Deals for merchandise are already in place, including one with Fanatics, according to Ben Sturmer, CEO of Leverage Agency, the firm Zayat hired to market American Pharoah. Similar apparel and merchandise deals with All Pro Champi-



Exercise rider Jorge Alvarez kisses American Pharoah on the nose after American Pharoah won the 147th running of the Belmont Stakes horse race to win the first Triple Crown in 37 years at Belmont Park, Saturday, June 6, 2015, in Elmont, N.Y.

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onships and Steiner Sports were announced Monday. But Zayat will be looking for more, and he has also pledged to try to use the horse's popularity to try to give thoroughbred racing a boost. The horse is expected to compete in a few more races this year, which will increase interest and attendance at the tracks where he runs and help drive television ratings for those races.

As the winner of a crown that went unclaimed for so long that it seemed it would never be won again, American Pharoah will without question sell more merchandise and attract more sponsorship deals than any horse in recent memory.

Sturmer dreams of bobblehead dolls, lunchboxes, "anything you can think of that people will want to wear," and a wide range of other sponsorships. He says his first call Monday will be to General Mills, to try to get the horse on a Wheaties cereal box.

"Forget about analytics and demographics, this is about making history, doing something unique," he says. "American Pharoah is more than just a horse, he's an icon."

Secretariat, the Triple Crown winner in 1973, got a postal stamp and was featured on major magazine covers even outside of sports, remaining a pop culture touchstone even

today.

Still, it's unclear just how much advertisers will spend to associate a product or company with the hero of a sport very few follow most of the year, and one that will likely compete only a few more times in his life. At the end of the year, control of the horse is transferred to the owner of his breeding rights, a company based in Ireland called Coolmore. It's even less clear whether the horse's popularity will slow or reverse horse racing's downward trajectory. Casual horse racing fans care only about the three races of the Triple Crown: the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness Stakes, and the Belmont Stakes. Interest in

those special events is at least as much about the pageantry as about betting on horses. In general, horse racing attendance has been plummeting for decades.

"The casual fan will say 'that's great!' but then move on," Carter said of American Pharoah's feat. "If you vanish from the consciousness for a while it's hard to maintain any marketing momentum."

Before failed Triple Crown bids by California Chrome in 2014 and I'll Have Another in 2012, the last horse that captured attention from casual fans was Zenyatta, a rare female superstar with a 19-race winning streak that was named horse of the year in 2010. Zenyatta's owner, Jerry Moss, has been unable to drum up much commercial interest in the horse. "There was interest around her, but we haven't had any big offers," he said. "I'm amazed myself because she captured America's heart."

Moss thinks that American Pharoah will have far more commercial success than Zenyatta and will help pull racing out of its small niche, at least for the rest of this year.

Alex Waldrop, CEO of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association thinks American Pharoah's win will boost efforts already in place to increase racing's appeal, simply because more people are paying attention now that the Triple Crown has finally been won again. □



In this June 7, 2015, file photo, Suzann Pettersen chips out of the rough on the third hole during the final round of the Manulife LPGA Classic golf tournament in Cambridge, Ontario.

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Pettersen, defending champ Park lead field in LPGA major

MELISSA MURPHY
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Suzann Pettersen is coming off a win in Canada with new coach Butch Harmon and looking for her third major title at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship. She'll be paired with two-time defending champion Inbee Park and Lexi

Thompson on Thursday at the Westchester Country Club. The tournament, run by the PGA of America for the first time, is the second of the LPGA Tour's five major championships.

Top-ranked teenager Lydia Ko joins the field that includes 23 major champions.

Park has had a strong start

this season and can return to No. 1 in the world if she wins this week. The South Korean is second on the tour in putting and leads in most rounds under par and top 10 finishes.

The Westchester Country Club was the longtime home of the PGA Tour event now called The Barclays. □

NL Capsules

Rookie pitcher Chris Heston no-hits Mets in Giants' win

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Chris Heston pitched the first no-hitter in the majors this season in his 13th career start, leading the San Francisco Giants over the New York Mets 5-0 Tuesday night.

The rookie allowed three baserunners — all on hit batters. He also had a two-run single for his first big league RBIs and finished with two more hits than the Mets.

The pitching-rich Giants have thrown a no-hitter in four straight seasons, with Heston following Matt Cain's perfect game against Houston in 2012 and hitless gems by Tim Lincecum in 2013 and '14. The only other team to accomplish that feat was the Los Angeles Dodgers from 1962-65, according to STATS. Hall of Famer Sandy Koufax pitched all four of those.

Heston (6-4) struck out 11 — six looking — for the defending World Series champions and allowed just two balls into the outfield.

As the crowd of 23,155 gave Heston a standing ovation at Citi Field, Giants teammates came out of the dugout and bullpen to mob him.

Heston hit a two-run single in the fourth off Noah Syndergaard (2-4) and added another single in the eighth.

DODGERS 3, DIAMONDBACKS 1

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Howie Kendrick snapped a seventh-inning tie with a two-run single, and Los Angeles defeated Arizona for its sixth consecutive win against the Diamondbacks.

The first-place Dodgers have won eight straight and 12 of their last 13 at home against Arizona since April 2014.

Adam Liberatore (2-1) got one out for the victory. Kenley Jansen retired the side in the ninth to earn his seventh save.

Robbie Ray (1-1) took the loss, giving up two runs and **REDS 11, PHILLIES 2**

CINCINNATI (AP) — Joey Votto hit three homers in a game for the third time in his career — matching Johnny Bench as the only Reds players to do it — and Cincinnati piled up five total in a victory over Philadelphia.

Votto hit two of the Reds' four homers off Aaron Harang (4-7), who had given up a total of four all season. Votto added a two-run homer in the seventh inning off Dustin McGowan, then grounded out in the eighth, finishing one shy of the major league record.

Anthony DeSclafani (5-4) matched his career high by fanning seven batters

and gave up two runs in 6 1/3 innings to a lineup that struggles away from Citi-zens Bank Park.

BREWERS 4, PIRATES 1

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Taylor Jungmann pitched seven efficient innings in his major league debut to lead Milwaukee to a win over Pittsburgh.

Jungmann allowed one run on three hits, striking out five against just one walk as the Brewers won for the fourth time in their last five games. Jason Rogers and Aramis Ramirez each hit solo homers and drove in two runs for Milwaukee. Francisco Rodriguez worked a perfect ninth for his 12th save.

Starling Marte's 12th home run was the only mistake by Jungmann. The 25-year-old struggled recently at Triple-A but retired 13 straight at one point to send the Pirates to their second straight loss. Francisco Liriano (3-5) kept pace with Jungmann until the seventh, when a leadoff walk to Ryan Braun started a two-run rally that pushed the Brewers in front to stay.

ROCKIES 4, CARDINALS 3

DENVER (AP) — Jorge De La Rosa pitched seven strong innings to tie the Rockies' franchise mark for wins, D.J. LeMahieu hit a tie-breaking RBI double in the seventh, and Colorado hung on to



San Francisco Giants starting pitcher Chris Heston reacts after he threw a no-hitter against the New York Mets in a baseball game Tuesday, June 9, 2015, in New York. The Giants won 5-0.

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beat St. Louis following another rain delay at Coors Field.

With the score tied at 2-2 in the seventh, pinch-hitter Wilin Rosario, who was batting for De La Rosa, singled off Michael Wacha. One out later, LeMahieu doubled to the centerfield wall, scoring Rosario.

Wacha (8-2) matched a career high with 10 strikeouts but gave up four runs on nine hits in 6 2-3 innings. De La Rosa (3-2) allowed two runs on three hits and struck out eight in notching his 72nd career win with Colorado, tying Aaron Cook's team record.

BRAVES 6, PADRES 5

ATLANTA (AP) — Joey Terdoslavich led off the eighth inning with his first career

home run and Atlanta rallied from a five-run deficit against James Shields to beat San Diego.

Terdoslavich, pinch-hitting in only his fourth at-bat of the season, drove a pitch from Joaquin Benoit (4-3) over the fence in right-center field.

The Braves trailed 5-0 before scoring five runs in the sixth off Shields. There were three reviews of calls at the plate — each decided in favor of Atlanta.

Jim Johnson (2-3) pitched a scoreless eighth. Jason Grilli got through a shaky ninth for his 16th save in 18 chances.

Will Venable drove in two runs for the Padres with three hits, including his fifth homer. □

Robbie Keane extends his contract with LA Galaxy

CARSON, California (AP)

— Ireland forward Robbie Keane extended his contract with the LA Galaxy on Wednesday, agreeing to stay with the MLS club into the final years of his playing career.

The MLS champions refused to give details of Keane's contract extension, but the prolific goalscorer had previously said he intended to stay with the Galaxy for at least a few more years. Keane turns 35 next month.

Keane has been one of MLS' best players since he arrived in 2011, scoring 55 goals in 91 appearances with the Galaxy. He was named MLS' most

valuable player last winter while leading the Galaxy to their third championship in his four seasons.

Keane capped his MVP season by scoring a late winner in the Galaxy's MLS Cup victory over New England last December.

He also won championships in 2011 and 2012 alongside Landon Donovan and David Beckham, who have both retired. Keane has stuck around as the Galaxy's captain and one of their three designated players who can be paid above the league's salary cap.

"We're very pleased Robbie will continue to be a member of the Galaxy in

the coming years," said Bruce Arena, the Galaxy's coach and general manager. "He has been one of the key pieces in our success over the past five seasons. We look forward to even more success with Robbie as a member of our team." Keane is currently preparing for Ireland's European Championship qualifier in Dublin against Scotland on Saturday.

Keane played for Tottenham for most of his Premier League career, but also played alongside midfielder Steven Gerrard — who is expected to join the Galaxy lineup in July — for part of the 2008-09 season at Liverpool. □



Los Angeles Galaxy forward Robbie Keane, bottom, challenges Vancouver Whitecaps defender Kendall Waston in the second half of an MLS soccer game at StubHub Center in Carson, Calif., Saturday, June 6, 2015.

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AL Capsules

Tanaka tops Scherzer, Yankees win 7th in a row

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Masahiro Tanaka outpitched Max Scherzer, Stephen Drew hit two solo home runs and New York beat Washington for its seventh straight victory.

A two-out throwing error by shortstop Ian Desmond in the seventh inning broke a 1-all tie. New York went on to match its longest winning streak since 2012.

Bryce Harper hit his 20th home run for the Nationals, who have lost nine of 11. Washington fell in its first trip to Yankee Stadium since 2009.

Tanaka (4-1) gave up one run and five hits in seven innings, walking none and striking out six. No one on the Nationals had ever batted against him and it showed with several timid, late swings.

Tanaka made his second start since wrist and forearm ailments put him on the disabled list. No ill effects, apparently.

Scherzer (6-5) kept pace with Tanaka until the seventh.

ANGELS 8, RAYS 2

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Albert Pujols tied Mickey Mantle for 16th place on the all-time home run list, Kole Calhoun drove in a career-high four runs and Los Angeles stopped a season-high five-game losing streak by beating Tampa Bay.

Pujols hit his 536th homer to tie the New York Yankees great, an opposite-field shot to right field on an 0-1 pitch from Nathan Karns (3-3) in the fifth inning. Pujols has eight homers in his last 11 games, and 16 overall this season.

Mike Schmidt is in 15th place with 548 home runs. Calhoun had an RBI double during a two-run first, a sixth-inning run-scoring single, and a two-run single in a three-run eighth.

Matt Shoemaker (4-4) improved to 3-0 in three starts

against Tampa Bay after allowing two runs and five hits in 6 1-3 innings.

ROYALS 2, TWINS 0

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Chris Young took a no-hitter into the seventh inning and Salvador Perez homered to help Kansas City to a victory over Minnesota.

Young (5-2) left after giving up a triple to Trevor Plouffe with one out in the seventh for his only hit of the game.

The 6-foot-10 right-hander struck out two and walked three to bounce back from a pair of ugly starts and put the Royals in a position to sweep the Twins on Wednesday.

Trevor May (4-4) gave up one run on seven hits with five strikeouts and three walks in six innings for the Twins, who managed just the one hit and have scored five runs in their last four games.

On a night when San Francisco's Chris Heston no-hit the Mets, Young looked prime to equal him as he carved up the slumping Twins lineup through six innings.

WHITE SOX 4, ASTROS 2

CHICAGO (AP) — Jose Abreu hit a tie-breaking two-run homer, Carlos Rodon threw six scoreless innings, and Chicago White beat Houston to hand the Astros their sixth straight loss despite top draft pick Carlos Correa hitting his first home run.

Abreu's 10th home run of the season broke a scoreless tie in the bottom of the sixth and propelled Chicago to its second win to start the three-game series with the AL West-leading Astros. The homer and Melky Cabrera's two-run double in the eighth were enough for the White Sox to continue the Astros' slide while Houston's offensive woes continued.

Rodon (2-0) allowed four hits and two walks while striking out five and throwing a career-high 116



New York Yankees' Stephen Drew (14) is greeted by Washington Nationals catcher Wilson Ramos waits after Drew hit a solo home run during the third inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, June 9, 2015, in New York.
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pitches.

Except for Abreu's home run, Keuchel (7-2) was strong in the loss.

BLUE JAYS 4, MARLINS 3

TORONTO (AP) — Edwin Encarnacion hit a two-run home run in the ninth inning and Toronto extended its winning streak to seven games, beating Miami. Returning to the lineup after sitting out the previous two games with a sore left shoulder, Encarnacion connected off A.J. Ramos (0-1) with a one-out drive to center, his 13th. It was the fourth walkoff homer of Encarnacion's career.

Giancarlo Stanton hit two solo home runs for the Marlins, who lost for the third time in four games. Stanton leads the majors with 21 homers and 51 RBIs.

Liam Hendriks (2-0) pitched one inning for the win.

TIGERS 6, CUBS 0

DETROIT (AP) — Anibal Sanchez pitched well for 7 2-3 innings and Rajai Davis had a big day at bat and in the field as Detroit beat Chicago.

Davis had a double, a triple and stole a homer from David Ross, while Sanchez (4-7) ended a four-start slump that saw Detroit lose all four starts while he posted a 7.71 ERA.

Sanchez allowed six hits and walked two while striking out seven.

Jon Lester (4-5) took the loss, giving up five runs on nine hits and two walks in 4 1/3 innings.

Davis led off the first with a double, took third on David Ross' passed ball and scored on Miguel Cabrera's single to center.

ORIOLES 1, RED SOX 0

BALTIMORE (AP) — Steve Pearce scored in the seventh inning on a wild pitch by Matt Barnes, and Baltimore overcame another sharp outing by Boston rookie Eduardo Rodriguez in the victory.

Four pitchers combined on a five-hitter for the Orioles, who have won four of five. Chad Roe (1-0) pitched 1 1/3 innings to earn his first AL victory, and Zach Britton got five outs for his 16th save.

Rodriguez allowed three hits and three walks over six sparkling innings. The former Orioles prospect was vying to become the first left-hander since Kazuhisa Ishii of the Dodgers in 2002 to win his first three major league appearances.

Obtained by Boston last July in the trade that sent reliever Andrew Miller to Baltimore, Rodriguez struck out seven and lowered his ERA to 0.44.

Barnes (2-1) entered in the seventh and immediately gave up the game's first run. MARINERS 3, INDIANS 2

CLEVELAND (AP) — Robinson Cano broke out of a slump with two doubles and an RBI, while five pitchers held Cleveland in check, leading Seattle to the win.

Roenis Elias (3-3) gave up a solo homer to Yan Gomes in the second, the only run the left-hander allowed in six innings. Gomes homered to lead off the ninth against rookie Carson Smith, the Mariners' fourth reliever.

Pinch-hitter Michael Bourn singled with one out, but David Murphy, another pinch-hitter, flied out and Jason Kipnis grounded out as Smith recorded his second save.

Cano's RBI double off Corey Kluber (3-7) put Seattle ahead in the first. Logan Morrison, who extended his hitting streak to 15 games, added a run-scoring double in the second. Cano also doubled in the fifth.

Kluber, the defending AL Cy Young winner, allowed two runs in seven innings in losing his second straight start.

RANGERS 2, ATHLETICS 1

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Mitch Moreland hit a long homer leading off the sixth inning, Nick Martinez outpitched Sonny Gray to win for the first time in more than two weeks, and Texas beat Oakland. □

Cavaliers beat Warriors 96-91 to go up 2-1 in Finals



Cleveland Cavaliers guard Matthew Dellavedova (8) shoots in front of Golden State Warriors guard Klay Thompson (11) during the second half of Game 3 of basketball's NBA Finals in Cleveland, Tuesday, June 9, 2015.

BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cleveland's chances of taking a long overdue championship rest largely upon the shoulders of LeBron James, and he carried the load impressively Tuesday, scoring 40 points to lead the Cavaliers to a 96-91 win against Golden State, and a 2-1 lead in the NBA Finals. With Kevin Love and Kyrie Irving out injured, James takes on even more responsibility than is standard for one of the all-time greats, and he and city of Cleveland — which has not won a major sports title for 51 years — now stands two wins from the championship. Pushed by an expectant home crowd and aided by gritty Australian sidekick Matthew Dellavedova, James and the Cavaliers survived Golden State's furious fourth-quarter comeback led by league MVP Stephen Curry. James added 12 rebounds and eight assists in 46 minutes, his third stellar performance in his fifth straight finals. The Cavs, who won Game 2 at Golden State for their first ever finals win, got their first at Quicken Loans Arena, which shook from start to finish. They'll

have a chance to take a commanding 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven series in Game 4 on Thursday. Through three games, James has played 142 of 154 possible minutes, scored 123 points and taken 107 shots. "I'm just trying to do whatever it takes to help our team win," he said. "It's the finals, and it's whatever it takes. This is a totally different challenge." Cleveland, which led by 20 points in the third quarter, nearly threw the game away. The Cavs looked certain winner when they led 92-83 with 51 seconds left, but then came a scoring flurry by Curry. The Warriors star found his shooting touch in the fourth quarter, scoring 17 points. Golden State got a huge lift from reserve David Lee, but they rode Curry, who made five 3-pointers — his last with 18.9 seconds to pull the Warriors within 94-91. The visiting team looked capable of pulling off an amazing comeback after it appeared to force a turnover with 17.5 seconds to go. However a review of the play showed Klay Thompson was out of bounds when he made contact with the ball that

Dellavedova was holding in his hands. From the inbound pass, James was fouled and made two free throws with 16.8 seconds left. On Golden State's last possession, Andre Iguodala appeared to get fouled on an errant 3-point attempt and the Cavs pulled down the rebound to close out a win that nearly slipped away. "We're a young group," James said, "and like I told the group, 'It's OK.' We haven't been in a lot of these situations, if any, with this group." Curry finished with 27 points but had three turnovers in the final minute. Iguodala scored 15, Thompson, 14 and Lee, who didn't play in Games 1 or 2, had 11. Despite the loss, Curry feels he's now in a rhythm. "I found something when it comes to how I'm going to be able to attack their pick-and-rolls," Curry said. "I'll keep that in the memory bank going into Game 4." James once again was helped by Dellavedova, who hounded Curry for three quarters, dived on the floor for loose balls and came up with a huge three-point play, flinging in a layup as he fell with 2:27 left to put the Cavs up 84-80. Dellavedova was treated for cramps and did not appear at the postgame news conference. The Cavs said he was on an intravenous drip before being taken to the Cleveland Clinic for further procedures. After two overtime games in Oakland, Game 3 didn't have quite the same last-second drama, but it didn't lack any intensity as players were sprawled on the floor fighting for loose balls. The Cavs seemed to take control in the third, building their 20-point lead with a breathtaking 12-0 run that included 3-pointers by James and J.R. Smith. Curry ended the spurt with a 3 and the Warriors opened the final period with a 13-2 blast to make it 74-68. Curry, who went just 2 of 15 on 3s in Game 2, hit a

couple of 'did-he-really-just-do-that' 3s in the fourth before the Warriors ran out of time. Still, they're confident they can come back again. "I'm telling you that right now," Thompson said, "if we get our offense back, which we will, we're going to win this series." As if Cleveland didn't have enough injuries, Iman Shumpert, one of the team's top defenders, hurt his left shoulder in the

first quarter. It's the same shoulder Shumpert injured while he was with New York earlier this season, sidelining him for six weeks. Shumpert returned midway through the second quarter, knocking down a 3-pointer to put the Cavs ahead by seven but he played virtually with one arm the rest of the way. "We can't afford another injury," James said, forcing a smile. □

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Dibaba targeting sister's 5000 world record at Bislett Games

CIARAN FAHEY
Associated Press

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Ethiopia's Genzebe Dibaba will be the focus of attention at the Bislett Games on Thursday as she attempts to take the 5,000 meters world record from her older sister Tirunesh.

Tirunesh, a three-time Olympic champion over 5,000 and 10,000 meters, set the record of 14:11.15 at Bislett Stadium in 2008 and Genzebe is confident she can better it at the IAAF Diamond League meet.

"My shape is very good," said the younger Dibaba, who set the indoor 5,000 world record in Stockholm in February. "I've been getting ready for this race for a while and I am ready to break the record."

If the 24-year-old manages it, she will be the Bislett Games' 70th world record breaker.

The men's high jump also promises to be an exciting affair with the in-form Qatari Mutaz Essa Barshim challenged by Russia's Olympic champion Ivan Ukhov, Ukraine's world champion Bohdan Bondarenko, the United States' Erik Kynard and Canada's Derek Drouin.

Barshim, who became the second-highest jumper of all time by clearing 2.43 meters last year, has already won his opening two Diamond League meets this year with jumps of 2.38 in Shanghai and 2.41 in Eugene.

The record of 2.45 is held by Cuba's Javier Sotomayor, who will be watching from the stands on Thursday. While Barshim said his hero's presence would make it extra special, he's in no hurry to beat the record.

"You can't just come and jump a world record all of a sudden. It's a process.

If it happens, it happens. If not I'll send him the video later," the 23-year-old joked.

Barshim, Bondarenko and Ukhov were all in relaxed mood Wednesday, with Ukhov joking that he usually jumps 2.40 or 2.50 meters in training but is too exhausted to replicate that when it matters.

Sotomayor doesn't expect his record to remain unbroken for too much longer.

"Sooner or later it's going to happen. It could be tomorrow, but it will happen someday. No record is forever," said the Cuban, who admitted, "I'd be ly-



Genzebe Dibaba, from Ethiopia, celebrates after winning the 5,000-meter race during the Prefontaine Classic track and field meet in Eugene, Ore., Saturday, May 30, 2015.

Associated Press

ing if I said I wanted them to break it."

The Dream Mile is synonymous with the Bislett Games since Britain's Sebastian Coe, Steve Ovett and Steve Cram set world records on the Oslo track in the 1970s and 1980s.

Former Olympic and world champion Asbel Kiprop of Kenya, a three-time winner of the race, leads the field of challengers and will be pushed by Ayanleh Souleiman of Djibouti, Silas Kipla-

gat of Kenya and home favorite Henrik Ingebrigtsen.

Olympic triple jump champion Christian Taylor of the United States will compete in the men's long jump, where he will face Britain's Olympic champion Greg Rutherford.

Another American, Carmelita Jeter, is running the women's 100, where she will come up against Veronica Campbell-Brown of Jamaica and Ivory Coast's Murielle Ahoure, who trains

in the U.S. but spends the warmer months in Oslo.

"I'll be moving over in July," Ahoure said.

There is no men's 100 event.

American Jasmin Stowers is hoping for better luck in the women's hurdles. After winning at the opening Diamond League meet of the year, a fall and disqualification for a false start dashed her hopes at Rome and Birmingham, respectively. □

Nicklaus

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He's too hard a worker and he's got such a great work ethic."

What did anyone expect Nicklaus to say?

It's not much different from all those years when Nicklaus was asked if Woods was going to break his record of 18 majors. Nicklaus kept saying he thought it would happen until one day he posed his own question back to the audience. Could they imagine what kind of headlines Nicklaus would create if he ever said anything else? It was a subtle suggestion to stop asking, not that it worked.

What caused the question to go away was Woods. Can anyone remember the last time Nicklaus was asked whether his record



In this June 3, 2012, file photo, Jack Nicklaus, left, and Tiger Woods talk after Woods won the Memorial golf tournament at the Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio.

Associated Press

in the majors was safe? Woods hasn't won a major in seven years. He hasn't won anything in nearly two years. He has as many rounds in the 80s and the 60s this season. A world ranking of No. 181. Winning a major? Some younger

players, unaware of the 10-year exemption for winning a U.S. Open, have been asking how Woods was exempt to Chambers Bay next week.

Nicklaus was asked about Woods during the telecast on the weekend. He was

asked about him during a radio interview. Most awkward was Sunday morning, when the best players of each college division were honored with the Jack Nicklaus Award.

They were sitting on a stage with Nicklaus when he was asked if he could ever relate to what Woods was facing, and the college kids also were asked to weigh in.

"I don't want to relate to it," Nicklaus said, "and I don't think they do, either." Comparisons between Nicklaus and Woods are inevitable because their records are similar, and so Nicklaus was asked about his own little slump when he was the same age as Woods is now.

It was in 1979 when Nicklaus went through his first year without a win on the PGA Tour. He was 39. When the majors were over that year, Nicklaus said he

might have touched his clubs three times the rest of the year. His short game was so appalling (sound familiar?) that Nicklaus said he putted around bunkers. His swing had become too vertical. So he stepped away.

Nicklaus went to longtime swing coach Jack Grout and effectively started over — the grip, the stance, the posture. Then he went to Phil Rodgers to work on his short game.

"It took me four or five months, but I got my game back," Nicklaus said. Indeed, he won two majors the following year at age 40.

And that's where the comparisons end.

Nicklaus only had one swing coach. Woods is on his fourth.

Woods has a vocabulary unfamiliar to Nicklaus. He talks about being "stuck between patterns." □



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Ex-BlackBerry Co-CEO talks publicly for the first time

ROB GILLIES
Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — Former BlackBerry co-chief executive Jim Balsillie said Tuesday that Apple's introduction of the iPhone and BlackBerry's rushed attempt to match it was devastating for the once iconic company.

Balsillie said in his first public remarks since leaving the company in 2012 that he knew BlackBerry couldn't compete after the iPhone's introduction in 2007 and after BlackBerry's buggy touchscreen device called the Storm had a "100 percent return rate."

He said at the Empire Club in Toronto that the impact of rushing it out was devastating. He said Verizon, their largest customer, fired them over it.

Balsillie made the remarks in a question-and-answer

session with Jacquie McNish and Sean Silcoff, the authors of the new book "Losing the Signal. The Spectacular Rise and Fall of BlackBerry."

Pioneered in 1999, the BlackBerry changed the culture by allowing on-the-go business people to access email wirelessly. Then Apple showed that phones could handle much more than email and phone calls.

"With Storm we tried to do too much. It was a touch display, it was a clickable display, it had new applications, and it was all done in an incredibly short period of time and it blew up on us," Balsillie said. "That was the time I knew we couldn't compete on high end hardware."

Balsillie said BlackBerry continued as the world's fastest growing company

for two years because of sales of low end devices in emerging markets but said that's when things shifted for the Canadian company. He said wireless carrier AT&T and Apple caused a seismic shift when AT&T gave Apple carte blanche and unlimited bandwidth to develop services like fast and full internet browsing and video downloads. BlackBerry was slow to adapt.

"It was difficult. It was a real shock to the company," Balsillie said.

He said with the iPhone and Google's Android phones emerging strong he strongly believed BlackBerry needed to open up its popular BlackBerry messenger service to other smartphone platforms. He noted that people thought BlackBerry made much of its money on hardware



In this Sept. 24, 2010 file photo, Jim Balsillie, then co-CEO of Research in Motion, speaks during an interview at The Associated Press in New York. Associated Press

but he said it really made money on services. BlackBerry, however, didn't allow BBM on other platforms until after he left the company and after messaging apps like WhatsApp be-

came popular. BlackBerry now holds a minuscule fraction of the U.S. smartphone market after commanding a nearly 50 percent share as recently as 2009. Although BlackBerry was once Canada's most valuable company, with a market value of \$83 billion in June 2008, the stock has plummeted to less than \$10 from over \$140 a share. That gives it a market value of about \$5 billion. The Waterloo, Ontario-based company is trying to stay relevant as it tries to transform into an enterprise security and software company. Balsillie said he wishes the current management the best of luck. Asked what smartphone he now carries, Balsillie said he still uses a BlackBerry Bold. "You'll have to pry it out of my cold, dead hands," he said. □

Intel launches investment fund for minority, women-led firms

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(AP) — Intel is launching a \$125 million investment fund for technology startups led by women and minorities, a move the chipmaker says is aimed at changing the face of Silicon Valley.

The new fund, which is unusual for its focus on minority-led companies, is part of a broader effort that Intel CEO Brian Krzanich has launched amid widespread criticism of a U.S. tech industry dominated by white male executives and investors.

Krzanich announced plans earlier this year to spend \$300 million on diversity efforts and pledged to make Intel's workforce and execu-

utive ranks more closely resemble the U.S. workforce by 2020. Intel has previously said its workforce is about 24 percent female and 12 percent black and Hispanic. The U.S. workforce is about 47 percent women and 26 percent black and Hispanic.

The new investment fund will raise Intel's commitment to more than \$300 million, Intel officials said, although they said there is some overlap and they did not provide financial details. It's intended to help build a more diverse "ecosystem" of smaller companies and entrepreneurs that plays an important role in the tech industry, Krzanich said Tuesday.

Despite statistics that show few women and minority-

led startups receive venture funding, he said Intel wants to show "there are plenty of women- and minority-led startup companies, and we want to work with them."

The first companies to receive backing from the new program include Venafi, a cybersecurity firm; CareCloud, which makes Internet-based software for the health industry; Brit + Co., which provides classes and an online market for selling do-it-yourself products; and Mark One, which makes a "smart" cup that analyzes the nutritional content of beverages.

To qualify for funding, firms must have a woman or minority founder or CEO, or at least three top executives who are women and mi-



norities, said Lisa Lambert, who is overseeing the fund. "They will go through the same scrutiny as any Intel Capital deal. This isn't a social program" added Lambert, who is a vice president with Intel Capital, the giant chip-maker's investment arm.

While there are nonprofit organizations that support minority-led startups, dedicated investment funds are rare. AOL has a \$10 million fund focused on women-led startups. Comcast has a \$20 million fund

that provides early-stage or "seed" funding to minority startups.

Lambert said Intel's fund will look at startups that are further along in their growth.

"I think we need to see more programs like what Intel is doing, that look at the business opportunities and solutions" offered by minority-led companies, said Edward Avila of Manos Accelerator, a San Jose, California, group that provides mentorship for Hispanic entrepreneurs. □

Netflix's stock soars as shareholders clear way for split

LOS GATOS, Calif. (AP) — Netflix's stock climbed to new high after shareholders cleared the way for its board of directors to make the Internet video service's stock more affordable. Shareholders set the stage for Netflix to split its stock by approving a proposal that will allow the board to increase the company's outstanding stock to as many as 5 billion shares. The pre-

vious limit had been 170 million shares. Although the vote taken late Tuesday at Netflix's annual meeting was considered a formality, investors still celebrated the outcome because it empowers the board to split the company's stock. Splits are a commonly used maneuver to lower a stock's trading price. This is done by increasing

the number of outstanding shares. Investors generally like this tactic because a reduced trading price tends to widen the pool of people interested in buying a stock. Netflix's stock gained nearly 4 percent to close at \$671.10. Earlier in the session, the shares peaked at \$692.79. The Los Gatos, California, company announced in

April that it wanted to split its stock. The board of directors is expected to vote on the stock split at its next meeting. The directors usually convene around the same time Netflix releases its quarterly earnings. Netflix's next report is scheduled to be released late next month. If a split is approved, it will be just the second in Netflix's 13-year history as a

publicly held company. The last split occurred in 2004. Netflix's stock price has increased by seven-fold since 2012, driven the popularity of its service that streams movies and TV shows to Internet-connected devices. The company now has about 62 million subscribers worldwide, more than doubling from the end of 2012. □

Wall Street rallies, breaking a weeklong losing streak

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NEW YORK (AP) — Signs of progress in negotiations over Greece's debts helped launch a stock market rally Wednesday, snapping a weeklong slump. The rally was broad: All 30 stocks in the Dow Jones industrial average and all 10 industry groups in the S&P 500 index made gains.

"Everybody's screen is full of green," said Matt Kaufler, a fund manager at Federated Investors. Major indexes started higher at the opening of trading, putting the market on track for solid gains. Around midday, Bloomberg reported that German Chancellor Angela Merkel may be willing to release more money from

Greece's bailout fund if the Greek government commits to at least one move to tighten its budget. Without a deal by the end of the month, Greece faces the prospect of going bankrupt and dropping the euro. The stock market surged after the news broke and held most of its gains until the closing bell.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index climbed 25.05 points, or 1.2 percent, to close at 2,105.20. It was the best day for the broad-market benchmark in a month. The Dow Jones industrial average rallied 236.36 points, or 1.3 percent, to 18,000.40, while the Nasdaq composite gained 62.82 points, or 1.3 percent, to 5,076.69.

U.S. government bond prices continued to slide. The drop nudged the yield on the 10-year Treasury note to another high for the year, 2.49 percent. In late trading the yield was 2.48 percent. Long-term interest rates have surged in recent months as the economy shows signs of shaking off its winter slump. "The market is starting to price in an improving economy," said Brad McMillan, the chief investment officer at Commonwealth Financial. "And we're seeing a lot of great economic numbers."

McMillan pointed to last Friday's report from the Labor Department that showed employers added 280,000 workers to their payrolls last

month. Wages, which had barely moved in previous months, also edged up. "There was just a lot to like in that report," he said. Major markets in Europe finished with solid gains Wednesday. Germany's DAX jumped 2.4 percent, while France's CAC-40 closed with a gain of 1.7 percent. The FTSE 100 index of leading British shares added 1.1 percent.

The yen jumped against the dollar after the head of the Bank of Japan said the country's currency was unlikely to continue its slump. The dollar fell 1.4 percent to 122.64 yen.

Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 slipped 0.2 percent, and South Korea's Kospi shed 0.6 percent. Hong Kong's Hang Seng lost 1.1 percent, while Australia's S&P/ASX 200 closed 0.1 percent lower.

Back in the U.S., Netflix's stock soared to a new high after shareholders cleared the way for the Internet video service to split its stock. Netflix rose \$23.95, or 4 percent, to \$671.10. Netflix has nearly doubled in price this year. □



Trader David O'Day, right, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Wednesday, June 10, 2015. Signs of progress in negotiations over Greece's debts helped launch a stock market rally Wednesday, snapping a weeklong slump. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Spotify gets investment as it faces competition from Apple

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — Music streaming company Spotify said Wednesday it has gotten a new investment from a Nordic telecoms company as it looks to compete globally, particularly with a rival service that Apple is due to launch this month. Swedish operator TeliaSonera is paying \$115 million for a 1.4 percent stake,

which would value Spotify at about \$8.2 billion. Based in Stockholm, Sweden, Spotify offers free streaming music and a premium service for a monthly fee that lets users listen to music offline and without advertisements. It says it has over 20 million paying subscribers, and another 55 million who use a free version of the

streaming music service. It has over 30 million songs with over 20,000 added each day. It is seeing increasing competition, however, with Apple launching its Apple Music streaming service at the end of June. Though Spotify has managed to grow its revenue, it remains unprofitable. In 2014, the unlisted compa-

ny increased its revenue by 45 percent to \$1.3 billion but booked a \$197 million operating loss. It has paid \$3 billion in royalties to rights holders since its start in October 2008, including more than \$300 million in the first three months of 2015. TeliaSonera says the deal with Spotify will extend an existing partnership to fo-

cus on "media distribution, customer insights, data analytics and advertising." CEO Johan Dennerlind said Spotify has "a world class take on innovation." In a joint statement, Spotify CEO Daniel Ek said "We're able to take this to the next level together." Spotify doesn't disclose details about its ownership. □

UK Treasury chief announces plans to sell RBS bank shares

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Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The U.K.'s Treasury chief announced Wednesday that the government will start selling its stake in the Royal Bank of Scotland in coming months, the first step in the country's attempt to recover money from its costliest bank rescue operation ever.

George Osborne outlined the plan during his Mansion House speech, an annual event attended by some of Britain's most prominent business leaders. He said the Treasury would sell part of its 80 percent stake in the coming months, even though RBS's shares are trading for less than the government paid for them during the global financial crisis. Selling a small stake now will make it easier and more profitable for the government to sell the rest of its holding in the future, he said.

"It's the right thing to do for British businesses and British taxpayers," Osborne said in prepared remarks. "Yes, we may get a lower price than Labour paid for it. But the longer we wait, the higher the price the whole economy will pay. And when you take the banks in total, we're making sure taxpayers get back billions more than they were forced to put in."

The Treasury injected 45.5 billion pounds (\$70.6 billion) into RBS in 2008 and 2009 to keep the bank solvent as the value of risky investments plunged and bad loans soared during the global financial crisis. RBS has paid the government about 4.3 billion pounds in dividends and fees since that investment. The government's stake is currently valued at 32.7 billion pounds.

N M Rothschild & Sons Ltd., which provides financial advice to governments worldwide, says that a partial sale now would boost the stock price, and might ultimately result in a profit. Even if it doesn't, gains on the sale of the government stakes in other banks mean that taxpayers will make a profit on the government's total investment in all the banks.

"The returns on the government's interventions in RBS will be determined by the success of the whole of the selling program, rather than the terms achieved on the first few disposals," Rothschild said. "Accordingly, as a precursor to a long-term program, we believe that it is now in the interest of taxpayers for the government to set in train an initial small disposal of RBS shares."

The Bank of England's Governor Mark Carney also offered support for the sale, saying that public ownership has largely served its purpose by preventing financial contagion at a time when the system was fragile.

"Continued public ownership without a foreseeable end point runs risks including limiting RBS' future strategic options, and continuing the perception that taxpayers bear responsibility for RBS losses," Carney wrote in a letter to Osborne. "In these regards, there could be considerable net costs to taxpayers of further delaying the start of a sale." Osborne also used his speech to set out the government's priorities with the upcoming talks on whether Britain would remain in the European Union. He said it is in Britain's interests to have a strong, successful euro, the currency used by only 19 of the EU's 28 countries, but not Britain. Osborne said Britain was prepared to support the currency union as it integrates further.

But he said the country wants a settlement that protects the EU-wide single market.

"We need a settlement that recognizes that while the single currency is not for all, the single market and the European Union as a whole must work for all," the excerpts said. "So among the principles we seek to establish in this re-negotiation are these simple ones: fairness between the euro-ins and the euro-outs enshrined, and the integrity of the single market preserved." □

US budget deficit drops to \$82.4B in May

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. budget deficit for May dropped sharply from the level a year ago but much of the improvement reflected a calendar quirk. In its monthly budget report, the Treasury Department said Wednesday that the May deficit dropped to \$82.4 billion, down from a deficit of \$130 billion in May 2014. But last year's deficit was inflated because June 1 fell on a Saturday, requiring the government to mail out \$35 billion in June benefit payments in May of last year.

For the first eight months of this budget year, which began Oct. 1, the deficit totals \$365.2 billion, down 16.3 percent from the same period last year. This year's deficit improvement has been helped by a stronger economy, which has pushed up tax receipts by 8.6 percent.

The revenue increase pushed receipts to \$2.1 trillion for the period October through May. Outlays were up at a slower pace, rising 4 percent to \$2.47 trillion.

The government has run a deficit in May for 60 of the past 61 years. The May def-

icit followed a \$156.7 billion surplus in April, when a flood of tax payments pushed government receipts to an all-time monthly high.

In the budget plan President Barack Obama unveiled for 2016, his final full year in office, the president is seeking authorization



Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew, accompanied by Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen, speaks at the Treasury Department in Washington. The Treasury Department released federal budget data for May on Wednesday, June 10, 2015.

(AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

The Congressional Budget Office is forecasting that the deficit for the full year will total \$486 billion, little changed from last year's deficit of \$483.4 billion.

The 2014 deficit was down from \$680.2 billion in 2013. Before then, the U.S. had recorded four straight years of annual deficits topping \$1 trillion. That reflected the impact of a severe financial crisis and the worst recession since the Great Depression of the 1930s.

from Congress to spend \$4 trillion and is projecting a deficit of \$474 billion.

Obama's spending plan would boost spending on domestic and military programs and seek to raise taxes by \$2 trillion by raising levies on the wealthy, corporations and smokers.

Republicans have attacked Obama's proposed tax increases and the fact that under Obama's spending plans, the budget will never reach balance. □

S&P downgrades Greece, says default likely if no debt deal can be reached

NEW YORK (AP) — Standard & Poor's on Wednesday downgraded Greece's credit rating one notch further into junk territory, saying it's likely the country will default on its commercial debt within a year if it can't strike a deal with its creditors.

Greece has shown it is giving higher priority to its pensions and other domestic spending than making debt payments on time, the rating agency said. The country has delayed making a June 5 debt payment to the International Monetary Fund and must pay the lending organization 1.6 billion euros by the end of this month.

S&P lowered Greece's rating to "CCC" from "CCC+" with a "negative" outlook.

The move reflects "our opinion that in the absence of an agreement between Greece and its official creditors, the Greek government will likely default on its commercial debt within the next 12 months," the agency said in its report. The downgrade comes as Greek leaders are locked in negotiations with European officials over the terms of a fresh \$8.1 billion (7.2 billion euros) rescue loan. The loan is needed for the country to make payments to the IMF and European creditors. Yet European leaders said Wednesday that Greece needs to promise greater economic reforms in return for the funds. They are demanding steep cuts to Greece's pensions, as well

as higher sales taxes and larger budget surpluses.

Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras has said he would make some concessions, but would not impose further pension cuts.

S&P said that money is flowing out of Greece's banks, which are dependent on the European Central Bank for financial support. Those outflows could ultimately force the country to block that money from leaving the country, the ratings agency said, precipitating an exit from the euro zone. In addition, any agreement between Greece and its creditors in the next two weeks would likely only provide temporary relief, covering payments for the next three months, S&P said. □

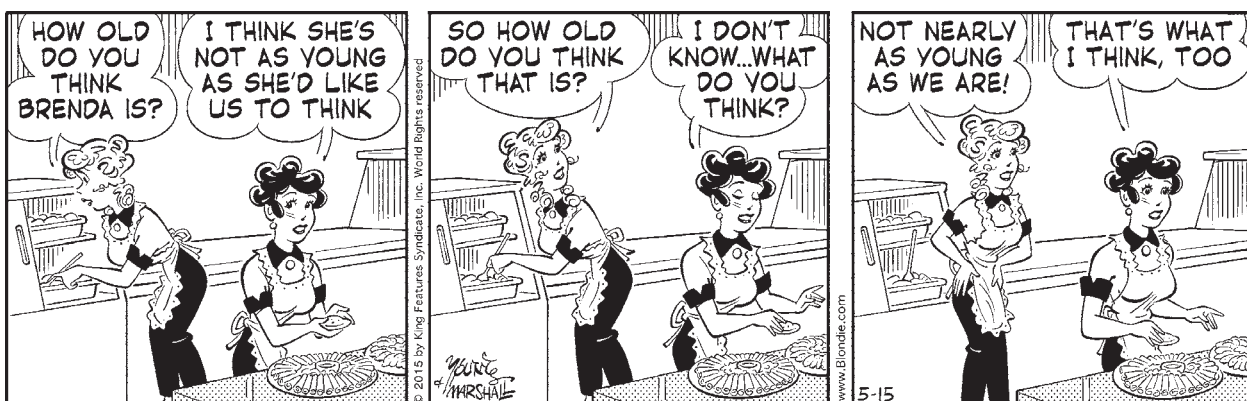
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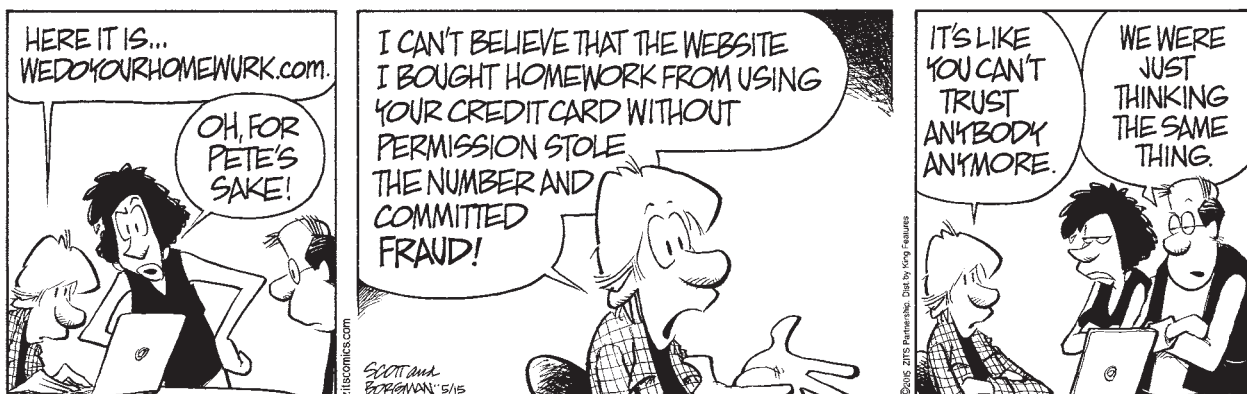
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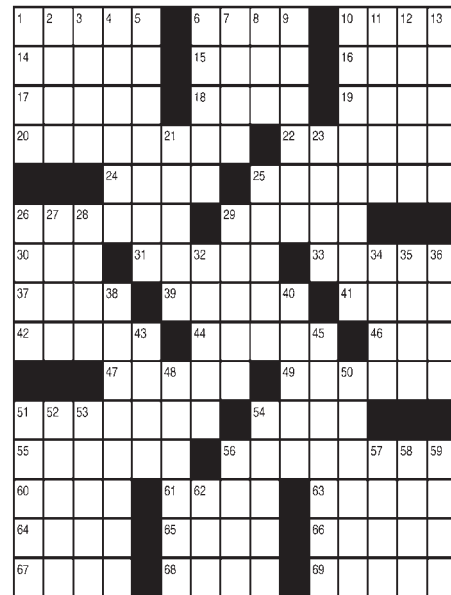
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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- Yeltsin or Karloff
- Crusty wound covering
- Actor Damon
- Happening
- Hawaiian island
- Actor ___ Katz
- Past, present or future
- Gardner and others
- TV producer Norman ___
- Horned animal
- Stupor
- Potter's material
- ___ are the meek...
- Bricklayer's goop
- Grains planted
- Pennsylvania or Fifth: abbr.
- Enlarges a hole
- Bursting at the ___; too full
- Give for a time
- Tries to lose
- Clubs or hearts
- Lake fish
- High-powered surgical beam
- Emulate Jean-Claude Killy
- Booby prize recipient
- Second of two
- Minnelli's mom
- Actor Alan ___
- Chairperson's meeting outline
- Sitting or standing, e.g.
- Soft cheese
- Bleachers level
- Do penance
- Pleads
- Outer garment
- Memos
- Strong urges
- Luau dance
- Browned bread
- Microwave, e.g.
- Money paid to a landlord
- Bug
- Outstanding
- Like dishwasher
- Prehistoric home
- Finder's cry
- Hustle and ___
- Thick syrup
- Prayer closings
- Vestige; small bit remaining
- Exhausted
- Rowed
- Cincinnati team
- Outperforms
- Thick sweet drink
- Finished; done
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- Felt sick
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- Recipe verb
- Monotony
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- Glowing
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- Debtor's note



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At Press Time: House searches resume by prison where 2 escaped

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DANNEMORA, New York
(AP)** — Police in body armor were resuming house-to-house searches near the maximum-security prison in northern New York where two killers escaped using power tools, authorities said Wednesday as they renewed their plea for help from the public. On the fifth day of looking for David Sweat and Richard Matt, state police said the house searches aren't the result of any new leads and law enforcement is retracing its steps in Dannemora, about 20 miles (32 kilometers) from the Canadian border.

"They'll be doing a 100 percent sweep from the prison right out, see how that goes," said David Favro, the sheriff for Clinton County, where the prison is located.

Law enforcement officials reiterated their plea for the public's help in reporting anything unusual in the area.

"We don't want them out searching the woods," Favro said. "But if you're sitting on your porch, get your binoculars out and see if you see something unusual."

Unions representing guards and civilian staff at the prison said many have been questioned by investigators, but no one has been suspended, disciplined or charged. Among them is Joyce Mitchell, a training supervisor in the tailor shop where Sweat and Matt worked. Mitchell's son, Tobey Mitchell, 21, told NBC that his mother checked herself into a hospital with chest pains Saturday. He said she wouldn't have helped the inmates escape.

Sweat, 34, and Matt, 48, cut through a steel wall, broke through bricks and crawled through a steam pipe before emerging through a manhole outside the prison grounds. □

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Planetary Society's solar-sail test a success in space

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AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida

(AP) — An experimental solar sail is being called a success three weeks after its arrival in space.

The Planetary Society said Wednesday its test flight resulted in an almost full deployment of the sail — an estimated 90 percent to 95 percent of the 344-square feet (32 sq. meters) light and shiny surface — and has set the stage for a follow-up mission next year.

The goal is to create a sail that can be propelled through space by sunlight, thus opening exploration to practically anyone, anywhere.

"Solar sailing is worth doing because it has the potential to democratize space," said the society's chief executive officer, Bill Nye, more commonly known as Bill Nye the Science Guy. Small organizations will be able to build solar sails and send spacecraft to "almost any destination in the solar system if you have time. You can get there because you never run out of

fuel. The sun shines all the time."

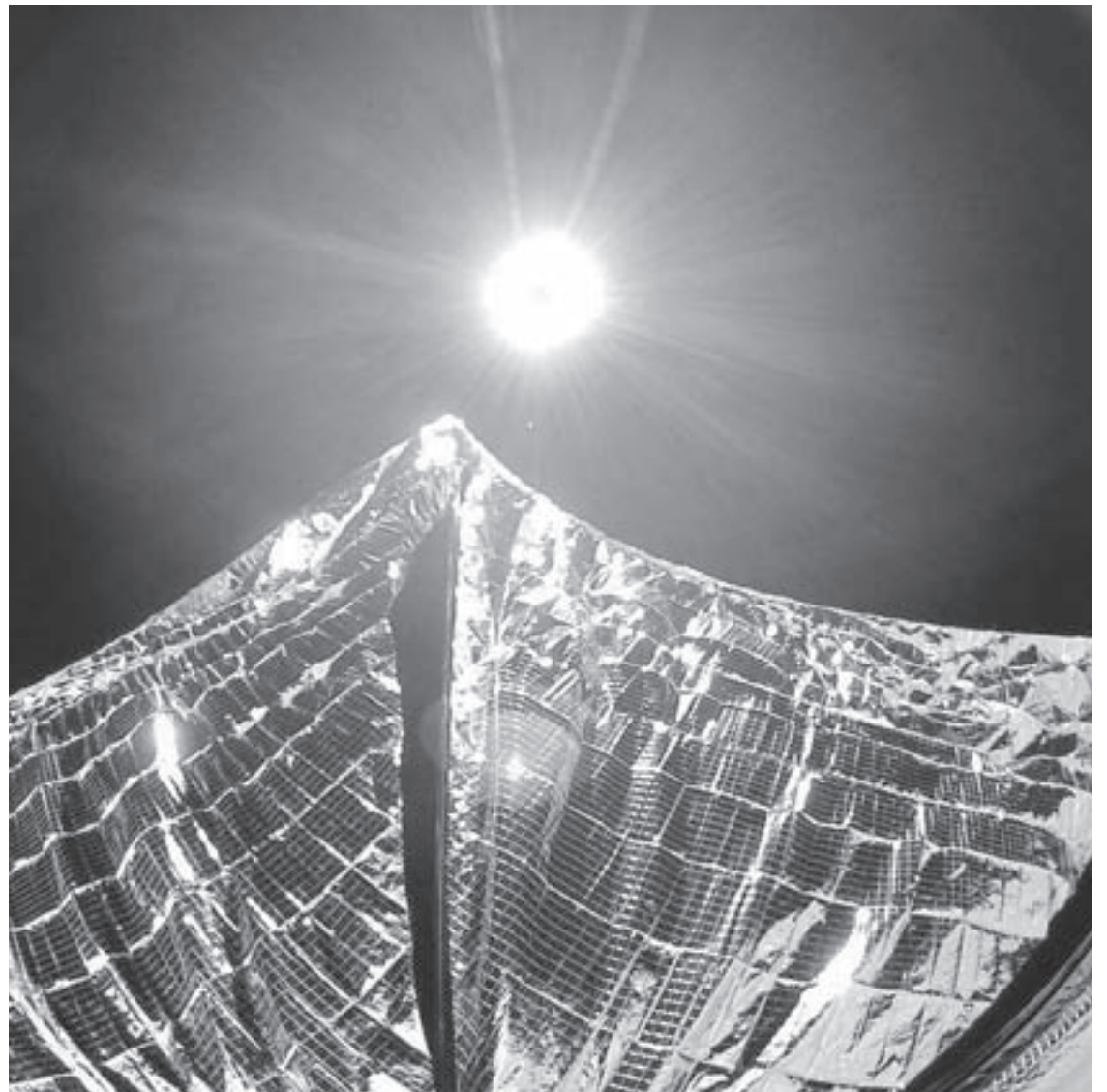
Spacecraft using solar sails could be used to chase asteroids and comets, or observe the sun's violent storms.

"There really isn't much of a limit on what you can do in the solar system," Nye told reporters, "and this LightSail test flight is the first small step on that long journey."

The Mylar sail for the current LightSail spacecraft is bigger than many living rooms — 344 square feet (32 sq. meters) when stretched flat. It was folded into a little boxy spacecraft for its May 20 launch from Cape Canaveral, hitchhiking on a secretive Air Force space plane mission.

For days, the LightSail team struggled with a series of vexing software problems with the spacecraft once it reached orbit. The sail finally opened Sunday on the third try. It wasn't until seeing a picture beamed down of the open sail, on Tuesday, that the society could declare success.

"That was quite a thrill"



This June 8, 2015 photo provided by The Planetary Society shows the deployed panels on the LightSail in Earth orbit. Associated Press

seeing the picture, said project manager Doug Stetson. "This has really been a roller coaster ride of emotions, a lot of sleepless nights."

With its orbit gradually declining, LightSail is expected to re-enter the atmosphere this weekend.

The society knew the flight would be short given Light-

Sail's relatively low orbit. The main objective was to demonstrate the release and operation of the sail. Next year's spacecraft will shoot for a higher orbit and take a crack at true solar sailing.

A similar experiment by the group ended in failure 10 years ago this month when the Russian rocket failed

to put the solar sail in orbit. This time, the society relied on an American Atlas V rocket.

The LightSail project was funded by members and supporters of the Pasadena, California-based Planetary Society, a nonprofit space interest group co-founded by the late Carl Sagan in 1980. □



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CNN's Jake Tapper hopes to add depth to Sunday morning crowd

DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — CNN's Jake Tapper, the third new host of a Sunday morning public affairs show to debut within the past year, says he hopes to attract viewers who want a little more depth to their political interviews.

Tapper starts Sunday on "State of the Union," which airs at 9 a.m. EDT and is repeated three hours later. He replaces Candy Crowley.

John Dickerson began on CBS' "Face the Nation" last week and Chuck Todd took over NBC's "Meet the Press" last fall. The three main broadcast shows, including ABC's "This Week" with George Stephanopoulos, dominate the space, with "State of the Union" getting between a third and a half of each show's viewership over two airings. Fox's show with Chris Wallace is in between, and also benefits from rebroadcasts on Fox News Channel.

It's evident that his broadcast rivals feel the need to keep things moving, with multiple guests and briefer interviews, Tapper said. He wants longer interviews, which he hopes appeals to both potential guests and viewers.

"We have more time," he said. "We're not an entertainment company with a news division. We're a news company."

Tapper said that he, Dick-



In this Jan. 10, 2014 file photo, Jake Tapper of CNN poses at the CNN Worldwide All-Star Party in Pasadena, Calif.

Associated Press

erson and Todd share the conviction that there's much more to their jobs than an hour on Sunday. Each spreads political news on social media. Tapper, like Stephanopoulos, has a regular weekday on-air gig, as host of his own hour-long news program at 4 p.m. EDT. Tapper doesn't hesitate to be provocative on his various platforms. He criticized Democrats online for marking Memorial Day by tweeting a picture of President Obama eating an ice cream cone, and criticized the U.S. for its muted presence at a demonstration honoring victims of the Charlie Hebdo attack. His new job won't change his approach.

"We in the media have the job of holding people who are in politics accountable for what they say and what they do," he said. "As long as you're standing up for principle and not a partisan ideology, I feel perfectly comfortable taking a position that is holding people accountable. One of the reason people have lost faith in the media is because there hasn't been enough of that."

His goal each week is to make news, or at least offer people something they'd find interesting to discuss over breakfast. Tapper intends to try new ideas, although not all at once, with one prominent segment taking advantage of his

one-time ambition to be a cartoonist.

The headline guest for his opening show is former President Bill Clinton. That's a big "get" for a Sunday show, although the timing and arrangements weren't ideal.

Tapper is interviewing Clinton onstage at a workshop being run by the Clinton Global Initiative this week in Denver. As part of the deal, CNN is allowed to film and air the talk.

Several other journalists have participated in Clinton foundation events in the past, including Tapper. The practice attracted little attention until Hillary Clinton began running for president and Stephanopoulos

was criticized last month for donating \$75,000 to Clinton's foundation.

Tapper has made no such donation, and there doesn't seem to be ethical concerns about the arrangement, said Aly Colon, a professor in journalism ethics at Washington & Lee University. But the appearance of being a frontman at a Clinton Global Initiative event at least raises the type of questions about independence that most journalists don't want to see, he said. CNN management, negotiating for the appearance, had Tapper pulled as a moderator for another event at the conference and replaced by Poppy Harlow, another CNN reporter.

Tapper said there are no restrictions on what he can ask Clinton, although it was requested that some questions touch upon the conference's subjects of the economy and health care. He noted that it's hardly unusual for much-sought interview subjects to have their own agendas. He compared it to interviewing former President George W. Bush for CNN last year, when it was requested the interview be done in Texas and Tapper ride in a charity bike race Bush was involved in.

"I wish I could have Hillary Clinton, Jeb Bush and Marco Rubio do whatever I want them to do on my schedule in my studio," Tapper said. "It's just not the world that we live in." □

Filmed conversations with theater heavyweights now available

MARK KENNEDY

AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Some filmed interviews with theater legends — including John Kander, Edward Albee and Stephen Sondheim — are being made available on iTunes on Tuesday. The Dramatists Guild Fund said it will release six episodes of its two-part Legacy Project, which captures conversations between prominent and promising playwrights, composers, lyricists and librettists.

The new iTunes haul will contain Sondheim talking with Adam Guettel, Albee interviewed by Will Eno, Tina Howe interviewed by Sarah Ruhl, Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty chatting with Andrew Lipka, Charles Fuller interviewed by Lynn Nottage and John Kander talking with Kirsten Childs.

"We are thrilled to bring this collection of insights, wisdom, and advice from America's most prominent dramatists to a wider

audience through iTunes, making the series more accessible to academics, students and theater lovers across the country," said the Fund's executive director, Rachel Routh.

The six episodes, each about an hour, will be available for rental for \$4.99 or purchase at \$14.99. They come from a two-box DVD, 20-interview set that previously sold for \$200 each. More interviews will be released on iTunes at a later date. □



John Kander arrives at the 69th annual Tony Awards at Radio City Music Hall on Sunday, June 7, 2015, in New York.

Associated Press

Actress Raven-Symone named co-panelist of ABC's 'The View'

FRAZIER MOORE
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Raven-Symone is now officially a co-host of "The View."

After 37 appearances as guest co-host on the weekday talk show, she joins the panel alongside moderator Whoopi Goldberg and co-hosts Nicolle Wallace and Rosie Perez effective immediately. Her co-panelists made the announcement on Wednesday's edition.

"I'm very happy to be sitting with these smart talented mentors," she said, adding, "Guys! Let's have some fun!"

Raven-Symone, 29, is widely known for her role in the comedy series "That's So Raven" for Disney Channel along with "The Cosby Show" and "Hangin' with Mr. Cooper." In 2012, she headlined the Broadway musical "Sister Act," produced by Goldberg.

Recent credits include roles on the ABC comedy "black-ish" and on Fox's drama "Empire" as well as the upcoming animated feature, "Animal Crackers."

"Raven-Symone is a welcome addition to 'The View,'" the program's creator and executive producer, Barbara Walters, said in a statement. "She is happy, amusing and well informed, and has already brought a unique perspective to the program that has resonated with our audience."

"The View" airs weekdays on ABC. It is in the final weeks of its 18th season. □



In this May 28, 2015 file photo, actress Raven-Symone attends the Broadway opening of "An Act Of God" at Studio 54 in New York.

Associated Press

Gwen Stefani returning as coach of 'The Voice'

NEW YORK (AP) — Gwen Stefani is returning as coach of NBC's "The Voice" for its ninth season. The network announced Wednesday that Stefani would be back on the job joining coaches Adam Levine, Blake Shelton and Pharrell Williams.

Stefani is a three-time Grammy winner who has sold more than 30 million albums worldwide.

She made her "Voice" debut in the seventh season. She now is replacing Christina Aguilera.

Levine and Shelton have been "Voice" coaches since the series began in 2011. This will be Williams' third season.



In this Jan. 10, 2015 file photo, Gwen Stefani arrives at the Los Angeles Premiere of "Paddington" in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

Carson Daly will return as host for the series. The new season begins in September. □



In this May 21, 2015 file photo, Willie King, from left, Tanya Deckard, Patty King, Karen Williams, Barbara King Winfree and Rita Washington stand outside of a funeral home after a private family viewing of blues musician B.B. King, in Las Vegas.

Associated Press

4 B.B. King daughters raise possibility of 'missing' will

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Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Four of B.B. King's 11 surviving adult children are raising the possibility that a second will exists, and they're again accusing the blues legend's longtime business manager of stealing his wealth and endangering his health in his dying days. Probate court documents filed Tuesday in Las Vegas by a lawyer for Patty King, Karen Williams, Rita Washington and Barbara Winfree stop short of repeating previous allegations that LaVerne Toney and another personal aide, Myron Johnson, poisoned B.B. King.

But they allege ahead of a court hearing Friday that Toney — King's trusted business agent for 39 years who had power of attorney — is unfit to become executor or personal representative of King's estate.

Brent Bryson, a lawyer representing Toney and the estate, dismissed the allegations as "completely ludicrous" and "unsubstantiated by any true facts."

The daughters allege that Toney moved more than \$1 million out of various bank accounts, denied King proper medical care

and changed the locks at his Las Vegas home so that the King of the Blues died "alone without any friends or family by his side." Toney didn't immediately respond to a message seeking comment.

Johnson, who is accused in the documents of pocketing cash, jewelry and funds during King road shows, declined to respond.

"They've been making allegations forever," he said. "This is just the next step."

King's physician and the coroner in Las Vegas said King died May 14 at age 89 of natural causes — a series of small strokes attributable to his longstanding battle with Type 2 diabetes. The medical term was multi-infarct dementia.

After Williams and Patty King alleged more than a week later that their father had been murdered, the coroner conducted an autopsy. Toxicology test results are expected in several weeks.

Bryson denied any impropriety by Toney or Johnson and said he had no knowledge of what the daughters' court filing referred to as a missing will.

A will dated Jan. 18, 2007, and filed May 20 under King's birth name, Riley B.

King, names Toney as sole executor of the estate. Another daughter, Riletta Mitchell, was listed second, but she died in September. Attorney Larissa Drohobyczer, who filed the 77-page objection to Toney on behalf of the four daughters, didn't immediately respond to messages.

Drohobyczer has said she represented the entire family and five adult King children dubbed a family board. The five included son Willie King, but he wasn't named as a party in the court action and didn't immediately respond to messages Wednesday. Patty King, Williams and Winfree declined to comment.

Washington said she believes there is plenty of money in her father's estate, and that her father provided for Toney and Johnson.

"He knew someone would disagree with his wishes," Washington said. "What he didn't count on was ... LaVerne Toney attempting to mislead his family on his finances."

"I hope and pray that the judge will grant us a third, noninterested party to handle my father's estate," Washington said. □

Jimmy Fallon wants to give dads a win with his new book

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Jimmy Fallon spends his evenings as host of NBC's "The Tonight Show," having fits of laughter with Bradley Cooper, pretending to be a teenage girl whose favorite word is "Ew!" and coming up with hashtags, but the favorite part of his day is when he's at home, reading to his almost 2-year-old daughter, Winnie Rose. (His second daughter, Frances Cole, is a baby.)

"It's a really good bonding moment. I know I'm going to miss those days," Fallon said in a recent interview. He happily listed the titles from his inventory of children's books like "Moo, Baa, La La La!" by Sandra Boynton.

"Oh my gosh, it's a great book," he gushed.

Now he's adding his own book to that inventory — "Your Baby's First Word Will Be Dada" (Feiwel & Friends), available in hardcover or as a board book.

"It's a secret mission that no one really discusses when you have a baby. What's baby's first word gonna be? These days the baby's first word is normally iPad," he joked.

Fallon said he was blatantly obvious trying to get Winnie to say "dada."

"I tried to trick my daughter into saying 'dada' because I wanted it to be her first word. I would call everything 'dada.' I'd point to her bottle and go 'dada,' and I'd point to her food and say 'dada.' I really didn't care if she was smart or anything. I just wanted her to say that for the history books," he said. His efforts didn't work. Fallon said her first word was mama. (His wife is producer Nancy Juvonen.)

Fallon, 40, said he also picked up on what young ones like about story time.

"When they're so little they don't really care about a plot. They're gonna want to point out a balloon or point at the bunny. They want to hear sounds and they look at you and they react to animal sounds. So I was like, 'I want to make a picture book with animals but also an agenda.'" It's a simple plan and that's the point.

"There is no moral to this story. There's no like, 'Hey, don't be a bully.' The only thing is the secret agenda for the baby to say 'dada.' It's a little sad but it's what



This June 3, 2015 image released by Myrna Suarez shows late night talk show host Jimmy Fallon holding his new children's book "Your Baby's First Word Will Be Dada," at a bookstore in New York. Associated Press

dads want," he said.

Fallon joked that he did all the work on the 40-page book himself (except for the illustrations).

"There's no ghost writer on this one," he laughed. "It's maybe 35 words total. I wrote the words 'moo' and 'dada.' That was all me. I'll take full credit."

As his second Father's Day approaches, Fallon said last year's celebration was "kind of sappy because

my wife went all out. This year will be special, too, because I have a brand-new baby. I think probably year No. 3, no one will care about me anymore. I'm gonna get an e-card from my wife that says, 'I saw on Facebook that it was Father's Day.' I'll get a Starbucks gift card. The first year you actually celebrate and that's the one that matters so I'm lucky to have two firsts."

Fallon said his favorite quality about his own father is his sense of humor.

"There's a joke in every conversation. I have that to look forward to. I don't know what it's gonna be, but I call him up and we talk and then all of a sudden it's funny."

He said he likes to watch his dad hold his daughters because he imagines it's "kind of how he held me when I was a baby." □

Ed Sheeran to perform at free Global Citizen Festival in NYC



In this May 26, 2015 file photo, singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran performs at The Mann Center in Philadelphia.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Ed Sheeran will perform at the 2015 Global Citizen Festival in New York's Central Park this fall.

The English singer will perform Sept. 26 on the park's Great Lawn, the festival announced Wednesday. Additional headliners will be announced next month.

The free concert, which will air on MSNBC, is in its fourth year. Past performers include Jay Z, Stevie Wonder, Neil Young, Alicia Keys, Foo Fighters and Carrie Underwood.

Fans can earn free tickets to the one-day event by taking actions to end poverty on globalcitizen.org. The concert is timed to the annual United Nations General Assembly. □

Comedian Kathy Griffin announces 80-city comedy tour



In this April 28, 2015 file photo, Kathy Griffin arrives at the premiere of "Ride" in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

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NEW YORK (AP) — Kathy Griffin is feeling inspired by the latest news in pop culture, so she's launching an 80-city comedy tour with all new material.

The "#LIKEABOSS" tour kicks off June 20 in Washington, D.C., at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

In a statement, Griffin said she has "a self-diagnosed, standup comedy disorder" and "must share my thoughts on Caitlyn (Jenner), Barbra Streisand and those adorable Duggars."

Griffin's live shows are largely improvised with the comic gossiping, going off on tangents and telling stories from her outrageous experiences in Hollywood.

The two-time Emmy and Grammy Award-winner has hosted 23 comedy specials on TV.

Griffin started out the year as a panelist on E!'s "Fashion Police," taking over for the late Joan Rivers. She left the show after seven episodes, writing on Twitter that it didn't fit with her kind of comedy. □

Iraq still in disarray 1 year after Islamic State took Mosul

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Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — The Islamic State group gave only three options for the soldiers and police officers guarding Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city, when they neared it a year ago: Repent, run or die. Many ran. Those who resisted died, often gruesomely in mass killings filmed and uploaded to the Internet,

ation is unclear, as lower oil prices sap the Iraqi economy, the U.S. limits its involvement on the ground and the Iraqi people as a whole continue to suffer.

"There's no salary, no job, no life," said a 31-year-old former soldier named after the country's former dictator Saddam Hussein, who saw his young son killed as his family fled Mosul for Irbil in Iraq's Kurdish region.

at Mosul's main mosque and the group declared a "caliphate" over territory it controlled, demanding the loyalty of the world's Muslims. A U.S.-led air campaign began in August targeting the group, the number of strikes now numbering around 1,900.

While Shiite militias advised by Iran and Iraqi forces have recaptured Tikrit, Saddam's hometown, the bat-

supplied weapons.

Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi has vowed to empower Sunni tribesmen through the formation of a national guard, which would oversee security in the Sunni heartland — areas predominantly under Islamic State control today. But the force has failed to get off the ground and many remain suspicious of the Shiite-led government

seen areas like in Ramadi where they're displaced in one place and then they come back in in another," Obama said Monday, referring to the Islamic State group by an alternate acronym. "And they're nimble, and they're aggressive, and they're opportunistic."

Former U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Zalmay Khalilzad told The Associated Press that any real solution in Iraq will require greater involvement from neighboring countries.

"Without the involvement of Saudi Arabia, Iran and Turkey, working together, it will be difficult — if not impossible — to achieve any realistic solutions," Khalilzad said.

Economically, Iraq also finds itself unable to pay for the war it needs to fight. Plummeting oil prices — down 43 percent from a year ago — have dealt a major shock to Iraq, which relies on oil for 90 percent of its revenues. Unemployment stands at 25 percent. At least 40 percent of the country's workforce — about 5 million people — is employed by the government, which is struggling to pay salaries. That includes civil servants in Islamic State-held areas, who still receive salaries which are then taxed by the militants, according to residents in Mosul and Fallujah who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of retribution. "We have no choice," Ahmad Chalabi, a former deputy prime minister and chairman of parliament's finance committee, told the AP in February. "What will this say about the loyalty of the Iraqi government if we stop paying our citizens, regardless of where they live?"

Pressure is mounting on the Iraqi government to stabilize the country and preventing further discontent, particularly among Sunnis living in militant-held areas and Kurds living in semi-autonomous northern Iraq. Some fear the country could be split into three parts otherwise, including a Shiite-dominated south. □



In this June, 2014 photo, Iraqi security forces in uniforms and plainclothes head to Baghdad on the main road between Baghdad and Mosul, a day after fighters from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant took control of much of Mosul, outside Kirkuk, Iraq. A year after the Islamic State group seized the city of Mosul and spread south, effectively dividing the country and plunging it into chaos, Iraq is struggling with a staggering political, economic and humanitarian crisis it may take generations to recover from.

(AP Photo)

only fueling fear of the extremists.

The collapse of Iraqi security forces, which received billions of dollars in aid and training from the U.S. during its occupation, haunts this divided country today, a year after the Islamic State group seized Mosul and a third of the country. Its sectarian divides grow deeper as millions remain displaced, military gains have seen militant counterattacks and a U.S.-led campaign of airstrikes appears not to have changed the stalemate.

What can change the situ-

"And if you have a child and he gets sick, you can't treat him."

On June 10, 2014, the Islamic State group took full control of Mosul, part of its lightning sweep from its territory in war-ravaged Syria and Iraq's Anbar province. Videos quickly emerged of the extremists waving their trademark black flags in parades down Mosul's streets or driving Iraqi forces' U.S.-made Humvees, as darker films of their massing killings followed.

Weeks later, Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi purportedly spoke

tle on the ground appears at the least locked in stalemate — or at the worst, not in Iraq's favor. Former Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, a Shiite who stepped down in August amid calls for his resignation, is widely blamed for the corruption and incompetence in Iraq's armed forces after he replaced top Sunni commanders with his own loyalists. The Islamic State group's advance merely exposed the rot, as entire units collapsed and soldiers stripped off their uniforms as they fled, leaving behind large caches of U.S.-

in Baghdad.

Meanwhile, the U.S. remains hesitant to become too involved in the war after U.S. President Barack Obama withdrew all American ground forces at the end of 2011. There now are slightly fewer than 3,100 U.S. troops in Iraq training and advising local forces, but they are not fighting on the front line. The White House said Wednesday the U.S. will send up to 450 more troops to Iraq to boost the training of local forces.

"We have made significant progress in pushing back ISIL ... but we've also